NATIONAL COUNCIL

OUTLOOK

OCTOBER 1953

HOLBROOK LIBRARY
PACIFIC SCHOOL
OF RELIGION

REFORMATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

THE COVER

THE cover of this issue of the OUTLOOK is a reminder of the Protestant Reformation.

Reformation Sunday, which falls on November 1 this year, is observed in an ever-increasing number of churches and communities as a day set aside to remember the significance of our Protestant heritage and religious freedom in America.

In addition to the ministers who emphasize the theme in their own pulpits, many communities have interdenominational services to mark the day. The interdenominational observances, begun in a few cities five years ago under the auspices of the Council's Joint Department of Evangelism, are now held in more than 200 communities, with attendance in the thousands.

This year, in 200 cities, crowds of movie-goers will be seeing on film the man who is characteristic of the Reformation—Martin Luther.

The dramatic film, "Martin Luther," produced by Louis de Rochemont and sponsored by six Lutheran church bodies, has been hailed by religious leaders of virtually every denomiation and has been lauded by top film critics in daily newspapers and such magazines is *Life, Time, Newsweek* and *The New Yorker.*

The *New York Times* said: "The settings and production are excellent . . . As a fair and dignified re-enactment of history, it could hardly be surpassed. As an impress of personal drama, it applies powerful pressure to the mind."

But the film is more than a critical success: it has been phenomenally successful in movie theatres.

Since its premier in Minneapolis a few months ago, "Martin Luther" has been held over in each of the ten cities where it has been shown. In New York's Guild Theater, it broke a 15-year box office record on its opening day, when guards from Radio City had to be called out to keep the crowds in line.

This month, the film will be showing in 200 cities, reaching its peak of distribution on Reformation Sunday. It will open shortly in Canada, and other language-versions are being produced for showing in Germany, the Scandinavian countries and Switzerland.

In the cities where the film has been shown, church groups have acted as sponsors, helping to build bookings in theatres and attendance at the showings.

Its audiences, however, have included thousands who are not church people. "Martin Luther" has a message of Christian liberty and freedom of conscience that is the keystone of the Reformation, a message that is heard by people of all faiths.

The picture on the cover shows the most dramatic moment in Martin Luther's life, the nailing of his Ninety-five Theses to the door of the parish church in Wittenberg.

Vol. III, No. 8, October 1953

National Council OUTLOOK

Publication of
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

30 DENOMINATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
American Baptist Convention
American Evangelical Lutheran Church
Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church of the Brethren
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church
Disciples of Christ, International Convention
Evangelical and Reformed Church
Evangelical United Brethren Church
Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethern in North America
Five Years Meeting of Friends in America
General Council of Congregational Christian Churches
Greek Orthodox Church in America
The Methodist Church
Moravian Church In America
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.
National Baptist Convention of America
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Protestant Episcopal Church
Reformed Church in America
Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Roumanian Orthodox Church of America
Russian Orthodox Church in North America
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
United Lutheran Church in America
United Presbyterian Church of North America

In this issue . . .

	Page
A New Occupant for the Office at "297"	5
Praise for the UN and a Rebuke for Congress	6
Bigger Budgets for Greater Service	7
The Council Movement in the U. S. *by Virgil E. Lowder*	8
American Friendliness Impresses British Visitors	10
The Churches Need Seven-days-a-week Christian Laymen *by Lee H. Bristol, Jr.*	11
"What Do Ye More than Others?"	12
Campus Christian Life Now Concern of National Council	13
A New View of America	14
Latin America: Testing Ground in Man's Struggle for Religious Liberty	15
New Vistas for the Rural Church	22
Fill Many Posts in N. C. Staff	25

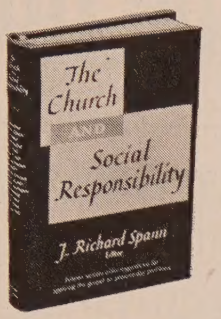
The National Council Outlook is now indexed in the *Readers' Guide*, available in your library.

Editorial and Executive Offices, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
Subscription Price Two Dollars a Year

DONALD C. BOLLES, *Editor* AENID A. SANBORN, *Associate Editor*
Staff: ELIZABETH GEYER BEATA MUELLER
WILLIAM K. WILSON, *Editorial Adviser*

Published monthly, except July and August, by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Publication office, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. Editorial and executive offices, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10. Reentered as second class matter January 26, 1951, at the Post Office at New York, N. Y., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917. Authorized July 3, 1918.

The Church and Social Responsibility



Edited by J. RICHARD SPANN

Fifteen writers, each an authority in his field, seek to formulate from the teachings of Jesus a philosophy by which the church may deal with the problems in our present social world order. Here is an honest and constructive search for truth in many critical areas—and a forthright presentation of the responsibility of the church in social improvement.

The Contents

Part I—The Social Ministry of the Church

The Christian Bases of Rights, Freedoms, and Responsibilities—*S. Paul Schilling*

New Testament Sources of the Social Ministry of the Church—*Donald T. Rowlingson*

Part II—Basic Human Rights and the Community

The Person in the Community—*Joseph Haroutunian*

The Family in Relation to Church and Community—*Donald M. Maynard*

Race Relations and Civil Rights—*Walter W. Sikes*

Part III—The Church and the Economic Order

Daily Work and Christian Vocation—*Cameron P. Hall*

The Organization of Economic Life—*Walter G. Muelder*

The Production and Distribution of Goods—*George Hedley*

World Economic Problems—*Eddy Asirvatham*

Part IV—The Church and the Political Order

The Christian and Citizenship—*Robert E. Fitch*

The Church and the State—*Anson Phelps Stokes*

The Church in the Prevention and Treatment of Crime—*L. Harold DeWolf*

War and the Christian Ethic—*Roland H. Bainton*

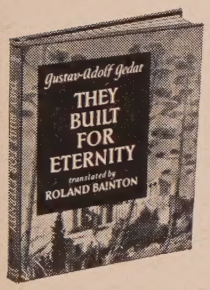
The Church and World Political Order—*Walter W. Van Kirk*

The Church as an Agency of Social Action—*Oren H. Baker*

Biographical Notes

Published October 5. **$2.75**

They Built for Eternity



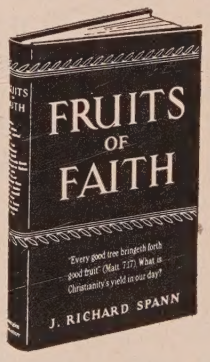
GUSTAV-ADOLF GEDAT

Translated by Roland Bainton

A graphic description in prose and dramatic photographs — many full-page size—of great cultural and architectural wonders of ancient and contemporary civilizations. A discerning commentary on mortal achievements, and on the qualities by which civilizations decline and die—or endure. A big, beautiful book, handsomely printed and bound.

Published October 5. **$5**

Fruits of Faith

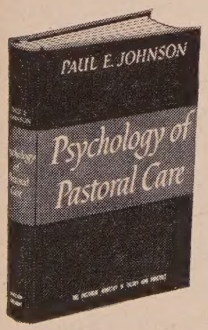


J. RICHARD SPANN, Editor

Eighteen distinguished contributors review the cardinal elements of the Christian faith, the blessings which this faith brings to the individual Christian, and the fruits of faith in society.

"The book does a good job of reaffirming the validity and vitality of our Christian faith, pointing to a way whereby men can live together in love and peace."—*Chicago Theological Seminary Register.* **$2.50**

Psychology of Pastoral Care

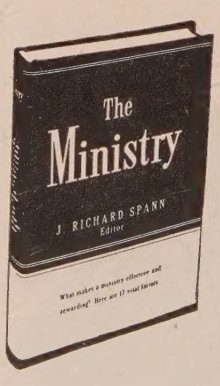


PAUL E. JOHNSON

In this comprehensive book, Dr. Johnson applies psychology not only to pastoral counseling but to the entire range of pastoral care and the minister's work—from the preaching of sermons to the counseling of couples about to be married. Theoretically sound and concretely practical, the book will be welcomed by the working minister who wants to know the *what, why,* and *how* of pastoral psychology.

Published October 5. **$4.75**

The Ministry



J. RICHARD SPANN, Editor

Practical, inspiring discussions of the minister's background, life, and work—by Paul B. Kern, Henry Sloane Coffin, Murray H. Leiffer, Joseph R. Sizoo, Russell Henry Stafford, Ralph W. Sockman, Oscar Thomas Olson, Otis R. Rice, Harold F. Carr, Weldon F. Crossland, A. Frank Smith, Seward Hiltner, Nolan B. Harmon, Fred Pierce Corson, Elton Trueblood, Edward and Anna Laura Gebhard, and Raimundo de Ovies. "Such volumes restore our vision and stir the fire to be . . . good ministers of Jesus Christ."—*The Expositor.* **$2**

at your bookstore

ABINGDON-COKESBURY PRESS

Publishers of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE

How this new version of the Bible can change your life

Your present Bible, most likely, is the King James Version... translated 342 years ago, and filled with expressions that are confusing to us today. Too often, therefore, it lies in your home—respected, but neglected.

Now at last you can own a Bible written in living language . . . so clear and powerful you will find yourself turning to it regularly—enjoying all the help and stimulation that God's Word offers in these troubled times. It can literally change your life, bring you greater peace of mind.

This new version is an *authorized* Bible, more faithful to the earliest known manuscripts than any other version.

Newest Version Really Our Oldest

In the 342 years since the King James Version was published, dramatic discoveries of old documents have shed new light on the Scriptures. Based on these authoritative manuscripts—some more ancient than any previously known—the RSV is in a sense our *oldest* Bible. And it is far more accurate and easier to understand.

Easier to Read

Ninety-one Bible scholars cooperated in the fourteen-year-long labor to recover the full meaning of the Bible. They preserved the timeless beauty of the King James Version, but freed the Bible from outdated expressions that make it difficult to read.

Did you know, for instance, that in King James' time "by and by" meant *immediately*? That a man's "conversation" meant his *conduct*? That "to suffer" meant *to allow*?

In the Revised Standard Version, direct, understandable language makes the original meaning clear.

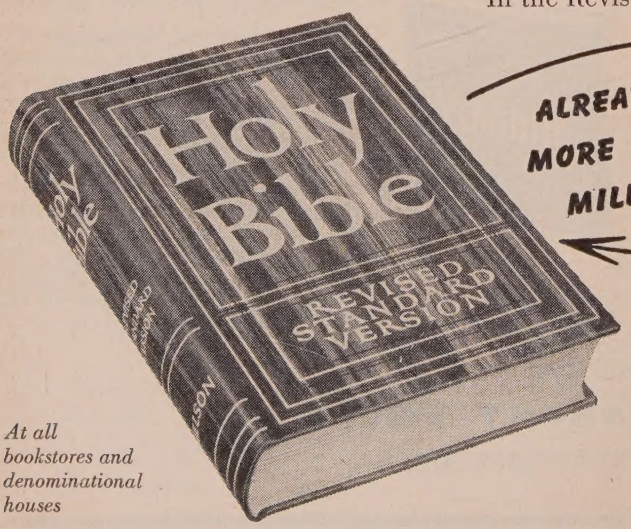
Religious Leaders Praise It

"For everyone seeking peace of mind, victory over fear, and a solution of personal and social problems, this version will be of great practical help," says one nationally known religious figure. Another counsels, "Every Christian should possess this translation."

Here is a Bible so enjoyable you'll pick it up *twice* as often. Its clear simple language makes Bible reading a rewarding pleasure your whole family will want to share. As it strengthens your understanding of God's Word, it will bring new spiritual joy to you and your loved ones.

PERFECT GIFT FOR THOSE YOU LOVE

No gift could bring more lasting joy, truer wisdom than the Word of Life in the living language of today: the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Clearer and easier to read, it is ideal for encouraging an awareness, a deep love of our spiritual heritage in young people . . . perfect, too, for adults who have always hoped for a Bible that would give God's Word fullest expression. Let the RSV bring new spiritual riches to those you love.



ALREADY IN MORE THAN TWO MILLION HOMES

Available in two handsome bindings:

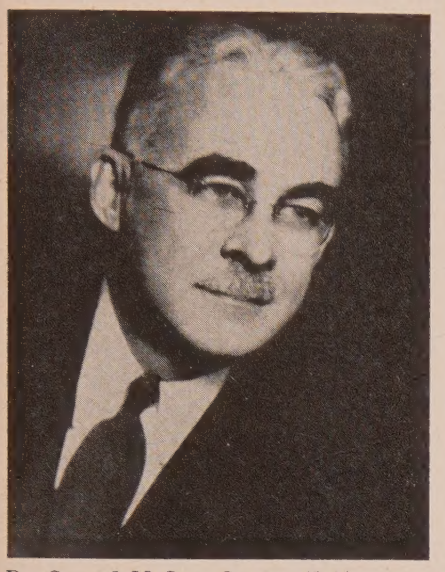
Maroon buckram, $6.00

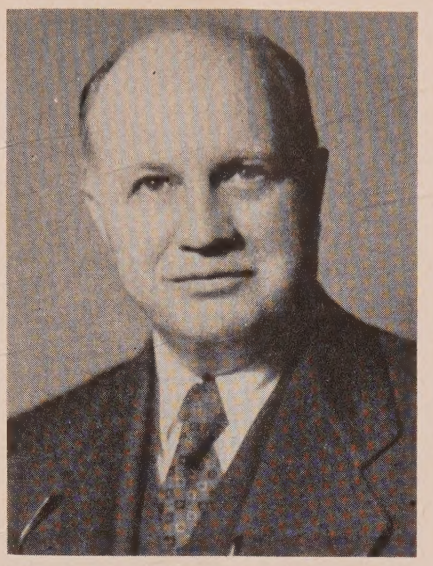
Genuine limp leather, individually boxed $10.00

At all bookstores and denominational houses

THOMAS NELSON & SONS

A New Occupant For the Office at "297"





Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, (*left*) general secretary of the National Council, who has presided over the cooperative Protestant work in the U. S. for 35 years, will yield his office on February 1 to his associate Dr. Roy G. Ross (*right*).

THE large, simply furnished office of Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, which has been a nerve center of American church life for many years, will have a new occupant next winter.

Dr. Cavert, at his own request, will retire as General Secretary of the National Council of Churches February 1. The date will mark the completion of 35 years' service to the cooperative church movement.

The new occupant of the office, which has been visited over the years by church and civic leaders of many lands, is a minister of the Disciples of Christ, Dr. Roy G. Ross, who has been Dr. Cavert's "right arm" during the Council's first three years.

The retirement of Dr. Cavert and the election of the Associate General Secretary to succeed him, were approved by the Council's General Board on September 16th.

Dr. Cavert will not cease his labors for church cooperation, to which his career is devoted, but will serve the world ecumenical movement as the chief executive of the World Council in the United States. He will carry two titles — Executive Secretary of the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches and Executive Secretary for the United States of the World Council of Churches. The latter is a new post to which he was elected by the World Council's Executive Committee in Geneva, Switzerland.

Near the close of its all-day session, the General Board heard the report of the special nominating committee, named last December when Dr. Cavert gave notice that he planned to retire at the end of or during the 1953-54 biennium. On the eve of the Board meeting he had notified the committee that he would retire February 1.

Dr. Hermann N. Morse announced that the committee, with the greatest reluctance, had concurred in Dr. Cavert's request for retirement and paid tribute "to his long service of extraordinary devotion and extraordinary skill." Bishop Martin said that "reluctant" should be heavily underscored, for a diligent effort had been made to have Dr. Cavert remain until the end of the next biennium.

Alluding to Dr. Cavert's plans to serve the World Council, Bishop Martin said there was only one thing that reconciled the National Council to his retirement: "In saying goodbye to him in one capacity, we will welcome him in another."

As Dr. Cavert was called upon to speak, the Board paid him a spontaneous tribute. The members rose and joined in prolonged applause, and later approved appointment of a special committee to frame a suitable tribute.

With the formal assent to Dr. Cavert's retirement, Dr. Morse presented the nomination of Dr. Ross, saying:

"Recognizing the need for creative and forward looking leadership of the National Council, the committee decided to call upon a member of the staff with a long background in interdenominational life and wide experience as an administrator.

"We believe he possesses in high degree a combination of the qualities required and have complete confidence in proposing Dr. Ross for election as general secretary of the National Council for the remainder of the biennium."

By a rising vote the General Board elected him and he then came into the meeting to be notified by Bishop Martin who said "God bless you" as he shook hands.

The general secretary-elect, addressing the Board, said:

"It is hard to describe my state of mind and heart as of this moment. It is a mingling of gratification for your confidence in me, humility before the tasks and responsibilities which lie ahead, and concern that I may prove adequate to your expectations and to those responsibilities.

"There can be no doubt regarding the significance of the role for which the National Council exists. Unless we, as Christians, can put our *obligation* to cooperate alongside our *right* to differ, we cannot hope to proclaim the Gospel effectively in today's world. I believe the Council gives form to the steadily increasing will of the churches to cooperate. If wisely administered by the staff under the policy guidance of the churches, it should become the most important development in the Christian movement in this generation.

"No one person can possess all of the abilities which are required in an adequate secretariat for the Council. That secretariat must combine clear vision with gifts in prophecy, program initiation, and projection, public interpretation, and business acumen. I shall try to gather together a staff who combine the needed gifts and skills.

"The Council must look largely to the major units for the specialized leadership abilities which it requires for its many phases of activity. We already have a staff with a great variety of skills and a high level of competence. The task of the General Secretariat and the General Board will be that of viewing the total scene in the light of the imperatives of the Christian Gospel determining general directions and thrusts, coordinating the activities of the several units and bringing to each phase of work the support of the whole.

"The Council must never cease in its efforts to make religion vital and relevant to all phases of life. I shall be interested in serving at its General Secretary only so long as it gives evidence of achieving this purpose. The Council must utilize every effective instrument and method. My interests will therefore comprehend the work of all its units for each is essential to a total Christian witness.

"I could have no higher honor than that which you have bestowed upon me. With such resources as God gives me, I shall do all possible to justify your confidence."

(*Continued on page* 21)

Praise for the UN and a Rebuke to Congress

MAJOR news for the National Council at the September meeting of its General Board was the coming retirement of Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert as general secretary and the election of Dr. Roy G. Ross as his successor.

But the General Board also turned its attention to some pressing issues in national and international affairs: the United Nations General Assembly, the Korean peace talks, the continued abuse of Congressional investigating powers, the need for provision for the 214,000 refugees now eligible to enter the U. S.

The Board, at its September 16 meeting in Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, expressed "gratification" that Congress had authorized non-quota visas to admit 214,000 refugees, mainly European, to the U. S. for permanent residence.

About 100,000 of those eligible for visas, the statement pointed out, "look to our Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches as their only hope."

The message, introduced by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., for the Department of Church World Service, called on American church people to unite in providing assurances, financial support and Christian services to help these uprooted people begin a new life on U. S. soil.

Although Congress was congratulated for its refugee legislation, its Un-American Activities Committee was sternly rebuked by the Board for a "reprehensible act."

The House Un-American Activities Committee had made public charges that the late Rabbis Stephen S. Wise and Judah L. Magnes had been followers of the Communist party line. The Committee said they were named by Benjamin Gitlow, who was ousted as secretary of the Communist Party in 1929.

"We are shocked," the Board members declared, "that the Committee would blacken and defame the dead" on unverified testimony from "a 1929 Communist."

Condemning this "utter disregard of the American tradition of fair play," the Board also noted that the two rabbis had been revered "by millions of Americans" who knew their records, their passion for justice and their contribution to the national welfare.

The statement was introduced on behalf of the Council's Committee on the Maintenance of American Freedom by its new vice-chairman, Charles C. Parlin, New York attorney.

Turning to international affairs, the Board adopted two documents that urged full U. S. cooperation with its U.N. allies and other "friendly nations," pointing out that the U. S. must be willing to accept their criticism and restraint as well as their cooperation.

One of the two documents, the annual message for World Order Day, is a statement of principle on "The Price of American Power," and is given in full on page 19 of this issue.

The other spells out in greater detail some specific concerns of the churches in U. S. foreign policy.

It is the open letter to the U. S. delegation to the Eighth General Assembly of the U.N. Presented to the Board by Mrs. Douglas Horton, chairman of the Council's department of International Justice and Goodwill, it was adopted after an hour's discussion of the wording, 66 for, four against and one abstaining.

The open letter, also sent to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, called for re-opening talks leading toward internationalizing the Holy City of Jerusalem, as Secretary Dulles had recommended last June.

The message also called for "another bold attempt to break the disarmament impasse," admitting, however, that U. S. military might must remain adequate for defense until all arms can be placed under international control.

The statement was critical of current U. S. policy in regard to the U. N. technical assistance program. It expressed regret that the U. S., after encouraging other nations to move forward on this program, has curtailed its participation "by Congressional action," appropriating only $9,500,000 for the purpose, instead of the $13,750,000 requested by President Eisenhower.

The National Council, the letter added, is contacting the appropriate Congressional committees to point out the concern of church people that the U. S. cooperate in international technical assistance "on a scale commensurate with our resources."

In addition, the churches asked that some of the 900,000 Arab refugees in the Near East be permitted to return to their former homes in Israel.

The letter also expressed church support for: full U. S. cooperation with the UN to bring about a united, independent Korea "by peaceful means"; a strong, cooperative reconstruction program for Korea; reversal of current U. S. opposition to translating the UN Declaration of Human Rights into strong covenants.

The letter was signed by Mrs. Horton, Bishop William C. Martin, president of the National Council, and Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, director of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill.

Board members also heard a report on the progress of the Council's Coordinated Program Emphasis as it is being carried out by Council units, denominations, and state and local councils of church women; were told that the United Student Christian Council had taken action to bring its work within the Council's program for cooperative Christianity on college and university campuses; and gave a rising vote to Dr. Philip C. Landers for his creative business administration during the Council's first difficult years. Dr. Landers is now director of the committee on the use and understanding of the Bible, with special reference to the Revised Standard Version.

The most momentous news for the Council, however, came out of the executive session of the Board which accepted, with profound regret, the resignation of Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, to become effective Feb. 1, and elected, as his successor for the rest of the biennium, Dr. Roy G. Ross.

The General Board will next meet November 17-18 at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C. It will be the first time the Board has met in the nation's capital.

Honorary Degrees

This year's harvest of honorary degrees for National Council officers and staff includes:

Rev. Hermann N. Morse, a vice-president of the Council — D.D. from Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, a vice-president of the Council — LL.D. from Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Dr. Raymond F. McLain, director, Commission on Christian Higher Education — D.D. from Keuka College, Keuka Park, N. Y.

Rev. Otis Radcliffe Rice, associate director, Department of Pastoral Services, — L.H.D. from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, N. Y.

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, associate executive director, Department of Research — L.H.D. from Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa., and LL.D. from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Bigger Budgets for Greater Service

Two membership canvassers leave church to begin their rounds in annual drive to raise funds for church's work during next year.

A NEW era in local church financing is hovering just around the corner, promising more adequate resources to carry out expanded programs of churches across the nation.

Devised only three years ago by professional fund-raisers, a revolutionary plan for increasing financial support from local church membership already has proven itself in pilot projects, now is expected to be used more widely each year in U. S. communities.

Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, director of the National Council's department of stewardship and benevolence, calls the plan "the most creative new development in church finance," and "fabulously successful."

"It's the biggest innovation in Protestant church financing since the every-member-canvass" declares Dr. O. A. Pendleton, a stewardship specialist of the American Baptist Convention who has supervised the plan on the local level.

The every-member-canvass, called the "backbone of church support," is an integral part of the national United Church Canvass program. Volunteer church members conduct an intensive door-to-door canvass of the entire congregation to obtain sizeable funds for financing the work of their church during the coming year. The United Church Canvass, conducted nationally from the offices of the National Council's department of stewardship and benevolence, furnishes expert guidance and prepared materials to assist local churches and church councils in obtaining the widest possible financial support during their Canvass campaign.

But the new plan adds an important facet to United Church Canvass local projects: close professional supervision and organization in each local church before and during the actual campaign. Known as the *sector* project, the plan is used in conjunction with United Church Canvass campaigns, providing a new dimension—and boosting returns an average of 49 per cent in communities where it has been tried.

The United Church Canvass gives "little or no supervision or direction for the every-member-canvass within local churches," according to Mr. Thompson. The Canvass concentrates on a community-wide effort.

Tested in Boston in 1951 as a denominational project of the American Baptist Convention, the sector plan first was put to work on an interdenominational basis in Springfield and Holyoke, Mass., last year, with 22 churches participating. These churches realized an average increase of 49 per cent in financial support.

What happened in Springfield to bring about this extraordinary result?

Dr. Pendleton, who supervised the Springfield project, relates that each church in the cooperating denominations sent its pastor and five lay members as a general committee to five professional training sessions in Springfield.

Opening with an important budget-building session, he says, the first of these meetings "served both to convince the skeptical to continue in the project, and at the same time challenged the committees to envision larger programs for their own churches—made possible by greatly increased budgets."

"Each church committee, with help from the rostrum, began building a dream budget," Dr. Pendleton notes.

"The theme of the evening became 'the money is there—if you will challenge people not in terms of giving more money, but rather in terms of building a greater program in their church, their community and around the world.'"

In subsequent training sessions for the Springfield group, expert counsel was given by Dr. Pendleton on how to interest large numbers of people in drawing up a church budget, how to prepare publicity, and following up pledges.

"One of the problems to receive major attention," Dr. Pendleton remarks, "was that of 'Mr. Fifty-Cents-a-Week.' For many years this man, whose name is legion, has been giving this amount to his church. His habit is due not to stinginess but to ignorance. The job of finance committees is to show him, if he be a man of moderate income, that three or five dollars a week would better repre-

(*Continued on page* 20)

The Job the Churches Can Do *Only* Together

By VIRGIL E. LOWDER

RECENT years have witnessed a phenomenal growth in the number of city, county and state councils of churches, until today they total almost 1,000 and are to be found in every section of the United States.

What a glorious thing it is that in city after city across the land Christians have risen up and declared, "In the providence of God the time has come more fully to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian churches in Jesus Christ as their Divine Lord and Savior, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and cooperation among them."

To say that councils of churches have an exceedingly important role to play is not to minimize the importance of the local church. The basic work of the Church must always be done in the local congregation. It is here that most people are won to accept Christ as Savior and Lord, receive most of their formal religious education, and first come to live as members of the family of God in Christ. And it is in the local church and its community that they find their best opportunity for Christian service. Council efforts should always be directed toward strengthening the local church.

Similarly, the council movement recognizes that the denomination is important to the life of the Church. Denominations have important functions to fulfill, and it is right and proper for a large proportion of Christian work to be done through denominational channels. But there is no adequate reason for branches of the Christian family to compete with or work against each other.

Back of each council is the increasing conviction that there are important tasks which confront the churches which they cannot perform separately. Which church or denomination alone is adequate to fight successfully against lowered moral standards in public and private life, or see that God and respect for religion are not entirely left out of the public schools? Which church or denomination alone can successfully evangelize a city, reach the thousands of unchurched, secure the passage of needed legislation, combat bad conditions and influences on youth, or provide an adequate ministry to the many thousands in every city who are sick in hospitals or confined in jails and prisons?

Working together, the churches can dramatize before a city the deep and real unity which exists among them. This is the task of the churches. And in order to work at it effectively, they have created councils of churches. The councils cannot achieve these goals but they provide a channel through which Christians and Christian churches of all denominations can work together toward their realization.

There are formidable forces arrayed against the council movement. There is the preoccupation of denominations and churches, ministers and laymen with their engrossing denominational interests and tasks. There is the vast indifference to the affairs of the larger Kingdom. Most serious of all, perhaps, is the lack of knowledge of what a council is and what it seeks to do. And there are gross misconceptions to overcome.

One misconception which needs to be corrected is that a council is something separate and apart from the churches. This is not the case. A council is the churches of a community uniting to do a part of their work together.

Each council's program ought to grow out of the desires of the denominations and churches and out of their sense of what God would have them do together. It follows that the programs in no two councils should be alike.

Each council should attempt to be in as far as possible an expression not only of the local churches but of the denominations in its area. Every denominational executive should automatically be a member of the council's board. Council executives should be thought of as ministers-at-large on the staff of each of the cooperating denominations and local churches. In a sense they are home missionaries employed by the churches to serve the city. Each cooperating church should in its budget bear its proper proportion of the cost of the council program, contributing a definite percentage of its current expense budget to the basic operating costs of the council, and a definite percentage of its benevolence budget to the program and services which it wishes to carry on in cooperation with other churches through the council.

In its choice of program areas the council should be most selective. Not only should it be guided by the desires of the denominations and churches but it should sedulously avoid doing anything which the denominations or churches can do themselves.

In Toledo, Ohio, the Council of Churches supervises chaplaincy services in all hospitals and public institutions of the city and county. Rev. F. Randall Williams, (*left*) director of the Episcopal Social Welfare Council of Toledo and Rev. Thomas E. Vosler talk to a young patient.

Rev. Virgil E. Lowder, executive director of the Council of Churches of Greater Houston, came to Texas after many years with the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

The council ought to be of real assistance to the local churches, assisting the ministers in finding resources for the solution of many problems arising in their parishes, providing training opportunities for those who wish to increase their skills in certain areas of their work, and helping those who wish to know and use the resources of the city. It sends them material for special days and observances. It assists churches in obtaining factual knowledge about their communities or new areas to which they are thinking of moving. It fosters united evangelistic campaigns and preaching missions and "go to church" campaigns in which the churches of all denominations make a coordinated evangelistic impact upon the city's life. It provides a channel through which churches may conduct a united church canvass, thus often adding greatly to the effectiveness of the fund-raising efforts of individual churches. It provides a chance for concerted training of church school teachers, choir singers, and other leaders. It provides representation for the Protestant churches in meetings and worship services. It provides a channel through which the churches of the city can speak unitedly when they are of a common mind. It helps the churches to plan and conduct high quality radio and television programs to reach thousands of the unchurched. Free public service time is usually available for interdenominational programs which could not be given to a single church or denomination.

At its best the council of churches becomes the very heart of the Protestant Christian enterprise in a city. It is a center of evangelism, a thought center, a center of spiritual life, a motivating center, and a center of fellowship across all denominational lines.

The problem in councils is never that of finding sufficient program areas. The churches are always asking the councils to undertake far more tasks than they can possibly handle effectively. The problem is to undertake only a few of the most important jobs, and to do them well. The council must gain the respect and confidence of the city by the way in which it does its work, by its competence, its thoroughness, and the soundness of its procedures. Gradually, if it does its work well, civic planning bodies learn to seek its counsel regarding the place of the churches in impending community developments.

The members of our churches must learn that it is their joy and privilege to put their funds into the council work. Laymen and women should expect and encourage their pastors to give a portion of their time to the advancement of the cooperative program. They should assign some of their strongest members to work for this cause. The council of churches is their council. Theirs is the responsibility to help determine its program. And theirs the responsibility to see that it has adequate finances.

Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches, giving his weekly broadcast on Station WJR, Detroit, entitled "Religion in Action." This program is a religious news commentary covering all faiths.

Too long have we as Protestants had an inferiority complex. No one has yet been able to estimate the power of the Protestant churches when they have learned to work together. As we come closer and closer to Christ, until He comes to live in us, we will find that no matter what our denomination, we will come closer and closer in spirit each to the other, until we become one in Him.

What a call to adventure is here! To go forward to learn to think and plan and work and pray together as Christians! To learn to speak together where we have a common mind without violating the rights of those who differ! To fight together the giant evils which often arise to threaten the very life of our churches and of our community! To thank God for every denomination and every church, no matter how different from our own! And to seek lovingly to win even those who don't understand us. To determine never to surrender the hope that every single church of Christ will join with us, and to keep on loving and praying and working with them and for them until they do become one with us in Christ.

Is there anything that could be of greater portent for the spiritual health and the moral wellbeing of a city? In the council movement, Christians everywhere are deciding that which may affect the present life and the eternal wellbeing of hundreds of thousands of boys and girls and men and women. We will either steadfastly and lovingly move forward to bring into effective cooperation the Christian forces of our communities, to the end that Christ may be accepted everywhere, and His redemptive influence be brought to bear on every aspect of our community's life, or we will selfishly go our own separate ways, as if we did not belong to Christ.

American Friendliness Impresses British Visitors

Rev. John G. Lane and Dr. Alexander Murray-Smith from England relax in New York's Gramercy Park just before sailing back to Britain after strenuous summer of travel and preaching in the United States under the Council's exchange program.

A BRITISH clergyman who ran a London church without interruption through five years of World War II blitz bombings and another English pastor who never before had been in the United States were among ten visiting preachers from Britain returning home this fall after a busy summer filling guest pulpits in American churches.

Dr. Alexander Murray-Smith of Rugby, England, agrees that it was highly dangerous to hold church services in an industrial section of London during the World War II air raids, but notes that, "if I had stopped for air raid warnings, I never would have been able to do anything." Instead of closing Willesden Presbyterian Church after the daylight hours, as did most other churches in London, Dr. Murray-Smith conducted two full services each Sunday evening, attracting large crowds who "wanted to keep to normal in spite of the abnormal situation." At the same time, he served as chaplain to a group of nine London factories in the vicinity, all of which eventually were destroyed by bombs.

Currently minister of Rugby Church in Warwickshire, about 80 miles north of London, Dr. Murray-Smith during the past seven years has been pastor of St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church in a suburb of London.

He relates that originally he intended to obtain a law degree and enter politics, but changed his mind and went into the ministry. But his background in economic and political frameworks is "most helpful" in the ministry, he observes.

Although he grew up in Canada, Dr. Murray-Smith had not been on this side of the Atlantic for 15 years before this summer – when he preached in churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York State and Canada.

"More people go to church in the United States than in Britain," he says. "But the church music and architecture are more old-fashioned in America than in England.

"English churches are more adventurous musically, and there is more contemporary church architecture in England."

Dr. Murray-Smith says he was rewelcomed to the American continent with "tremendous enthusiasm," and that "people go out of their way to make you feel at home."

The Rev. John G. Lane of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, in northern England, also found himself warmly received here, on his first visit to the United States.

"I don't think I've ever been anywhere where I've met such kindness and hospitality as in the United States," he declares.

Mr. Lane was impressed with the "gentle beauty of the country-side" in the Eastern states where he travelled, and found Americans curious about how Britishers live and think.

"This is a healthy curiosity, well worth satisfying," he remarks. "It makes for greater Anglo-American friendship."

In Mr. Lane's opinion, Americans are basically not different from Britishers because "they think along the same lines."

"But," he notes, "Americans are quicker in a manifestation of friendliness."

Mr. Lane, who is chairman of the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne district of the Methodist Church in England, spent the summer preaching in churches in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York State and Ohio.

He points out that his Methodist Church chairmanship of two counties in England and part of one county in Scotland "combines the functions of a bishop and a district superintendent." In addition, he serves as pastor of the local Methodist church in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

For nine years, between 1916 and 1925, Mr. Lane was a missionary in Gambia, West Africa, where he was instrumental in the establishment of maternity and child welfare centers operated by the mission. These centers resulted in rapid reduction of the infant mortality rate, and in time were staffed by African nurses trained by the original staff of English nurses.

In all, 20 clergymen participated in the interchange of preachers program between Britain and the U. S. this year, under sponsorship of the National Council of Churches' Department of Ecumenical Relations and the British Council of Churches.

Seven-days-a-week Christian Laymen

By LEE HASTINGS BRISTOL, JR.

In his Princeton, N. J., home, the author, Lee H. Bristol, Jr., active Episcopalian layman and member of the Board of Managers of United Church Men, works at the desk of his ancestor, Thomas Hastings, who composed the familiar tune for "Rock of Ages." Mr. Bristol, with Harold Friedell, New York church organist, has edited a new book of hymns, "Hymns for Children and Grownups."

IN Youngstown, Ohio, there is a group of some 35 businessmen who meet each Thursday noon to take stock of what they are trying to do as Christian laymen in their community. And they don't just talk about doing more good in the world. They are refreshingly specific. When they get together, they try to face up to a question like this: "What has each one of us done since our last meeting to try to bring Christianity more into the everyday life of Youngstown?"

The other day, a research man I know told me on the train that he had just recently completed a survey which showed that a good number of leading industrial leaders, some of them specifically responsible for directing production in heavy industries, are making a real effort to find new ways of "encouraging the self-development of spiritual force inside the factory gates."

Most of these men and others like them are examples of one of the most hopeful things happening in the Church today: lay men and women are recapturing the age-old idea of a lay ministry. Says Elton Trueblood, "After all, look at the First Century Christians. The Christian who did not minister simply did not exist!" It is indeed encouraging to see more and more laymen aware that such a ministry is not a substitute for the work of our clergy, but an extension of it. And it is a hopeful sign to see a growing number of laymen aware that a lay ministry means far more than work on this or that church committee (important as such work may be!).

Laymen's Sunday is a growing tradition in America which, once a year, very pointedly brings this lay ministry concept out into the open. Such an observance can be a very thrilling "shot in the arm" for a parish. October 18th is the date of Laymen's Sunday, which is again to be jointly sponsored this year by the National Council's General Department of United Church Men and the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World. It need not be said that Laymen's Sunday is not an end in itself, but the beginning on a parish-wide scale of something small groups will want to carry forward through the year. In the early days of Christianity, new people were won to the Church not so much by much-publicized large gatherings as by one person going to another. In our 1953 world with its distractions and its confusing demands, this still seems to be the most effective way to win new people to Christ and His Church.

I have found, when I have been privileged to take part in Laymen's Sunday observances, that an opportunity to speak can be a tremendously moving experience. The average layman, of course, will say, "How on earth can God ever use an ordinary layman like me?" when actually, that is often just how He does work! As St. Paul said, "not many mighty, not many noble are called." Even though we may not be worthy, God's message can go through us to others in need of human reaching and, what's more, change us just a little in the process! Don't forget: "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord." For the layman, this is a helpful point to remember.

Laymen, of course, are in a unique position to be heard, because, being amateurs, their message often carries double weight. The man who has to prepare a Laymen's Sunday address has to think through his faith and bring it out into the open — a worthwhile discipline for anyone! It makes us somewhat like that eager housewife who declared, "I regularly clean out my cupboards just to see what on earth I've got!"

Part of a layman's uniqueness lies in the fact that he lives and works out where the people are, and this, of course, gives him the advantage of a common frame of reference. A neighbor of ours who is head of a research company told me that his staff recently conducted a survey among workers in a steel community near Pittsburgh.

"We found," he told me, "that workers who were religious said they prayed about everything under the sun that happened to them *off* the job, but almost never about what happened to them *on* the job. It simply didn't occur to them."

(*Continued on page* 12)

Mr. Bristol is advertising manager, Bristol-Meyers Company, Vice President, Laymen's Movement for a Christian World and member of the Board of Managers, United Church Men, of the National Council of Churches.

"What Do Ye More Than Others?"

IN HUNDREDS of communities all over the U. S. church women will gather on Friday, November 6, for their annual observance of World Community Day — the day they have set aside for special remembrance of their neighbors around the world.

World Community Day, on the first Friday in November, is sponsored by the National Council's General Department of United Church Women and more than 1900 affiliated state and local councils.

Its theme this year is "Building Lasting Peace"—with the added emphasis, "What do ye more than others?"

The question is one the church women have been answering for ten years now — with study, prayer and practical giving for the needy in other countries.

In past years the women have observed World Community Day with gifts of millions of bundles of clothing, school supplies, shoes, blankets, diapers, yard goods and sewing equipment, for the suffering in other countries.

This year they will bring to the services in November cartons labelled "Help For Homes" and packed with pillow-cases and sheets, warm, lightweight blankets and quilts, bright washcloths and towels and cheerful, serviceable curtains, drapes and tablecloths.

The women's prayer on World Community Day will be one of thanks for these good gifts which we now pass on "From our home to your home, with love."

Their parcels of household goods, packed with love, will go abroad to Korea, Germany, Trieste, Greece, India, Pakistan, the Near East and Hongkong, to bring a little cheer and warmth to those who live in orphanages, camps, tents, barracks, caves and other shelters for the victims and refugees from war, famine and political persecution.

In addition to their material gifts, the church women have also made special World Community Day offerings for their work for peace.

In other years, part of this money has supplied assurances for displaced persons who were later settled in American communities, scholarships for Christian students from abroad to study in the U. S. and return to leadership in their own countries, medicine and vitamins for children overseas. This year part of the offering will go to buy additional household goods wholesale near shipping ports.

The women's offering on World Community Day also supports their own official observer at the United Nations and their Christian Woman's Action Program for Peace.

The World Community Day theme, "Building Lasting Peace," comes from this program.

While they fill their cartons of household goods for overseas, the women will also be studying and acting on the five-point action program that was formulated over a year ago.

The program includes prayer, "Living democracy in our home towns every day," sharing "our abundance of spiritual and material resources" with others, and understanding and supporting the United Nations as "next to the churches, today's best instrument for peace."

What United Nations agencies are doing for world peace is one feature of a dramatic presentation which will be part of the World Community Day services in many places this year.

The presentation, "We Will Build Peace," was specially written by Margaret Ferriera for use by local groups. Its narrative and tableaux describe the world's ills — hunger, sickness, ignorance, divisiveness — and some of the solutions being worked out by U. N. agencies like UNICEF, UNESCO and WHO, and by women themselves acting on their Christian faith.

The significance of women's role is underscored in a letter written by Mrs. H. B. Marx, national chairman of the World Community Day observances, to state and local councils of church women.

Describing the annual observance as "a call to greatness," Mrs. Marx reminds the church women that "through us Christianity can be the love that can change men's lives, the truth that can make men free, and the way to peace in our hearts and in the world."

Seven-days-a-week Christian Laymen

(*Continued from page* 11)

A layman, with his common frame of reference will want to relate the Historic Faith of the Church to the average man's round-the-clock life through the week. This he will do in the simple, familiar language of his own experience. When he does, people will be deeply touched, I have found, because, they will say, "He is one of us."

There is another point I think needs above all to be "driven home" by laymen and clergy alike: that the primary role of the Church is still to "change souls." To the clergyman, this may seem obvious; to most laymen, I think, it is not. After all, if I am not a different businessman or husband or father because I love Our Lord, my faith cannot be real.

Opportunities come to us all in our everyday living to serve Our Lord in specific situations. Sometimes, I think, God will throw an unlikely assignment in our lap. If a continuing prayer life keeps us "spiritually in focus," we will not be as liable to say of an unlikely assignment, "Surely, this wasn't meant for me," and throw it in the "mental wastebasket" like some misdirected letter that came to us by mistake.

If we laymen accept such opportunities for service, we will want to do so with no thought of being noble! We are not "pretty grand" for doing the irreducible minimum for God: we are only answerable for not doing it. It helps me when my own thinking jumps the track to recall what Francis de Sales once said: we may measure spiritual progress not so much by the fact that we do good deeds as by the speed and naturalness with which we do them.

As I see it, we laymen in America are blessed in innumerable ways. I know in my own case I find it important not only to get down on my knees and say "thanks" to God, but also to ask "why?" —why has God blessed my own life. "Where am I to go from here?" is a prayer I think many of us want to make these days when we laymen have so much ahead of us to do.

As more and more we Christian laymen become aware of the exciting ministry which is ours, the Church can look forward to a strong nucleus of laymen across our land who love Our Lord so much that humbly, quietly, and often anonymously, they will be workers together for Him in every area of life. They will be working for Him not because they think they are noble. They will be serving Him, because they know their offering is an irreducible minimum, and because — frankly — they haven't the heart to let Him down.

Public Relations Seminar

Public Relations and the Churches will be the topic of a seminar at the University of Wisconsin on October 23, sponsored by the University School of Journalism and the Extension Division, Department of Journalism, the Wisconsin State Council of Churches and United Church Women of Wisconsin. Speakers will include Donald C. Bolles, executive director of the National Council's Department of Public Relations.

Campus Christian Life Now Concern of National Council

THE main stream of the Christian youth movement on the nation's campuses now has been joined with the National Council of Churches.

This achievement was reported to the General Board by Dr. Raymond McLain, head of the Council's Department of Christian Higher Education.

The United Student Christian Council, incorporating 14 constituent member organizations, as a result of its recent action, will effect a close working relationship with the National Council. This will relate thousands of college and university students on virtually every American campus with the cooperative movement through the Council's new Department of Campus Christian Life.

Campus teachers as well as students have also formed a close relationship with the National Council through the recently organized Faculty Christian Fellowship—an autonomous organization of faculty members from all teaching fields, administratively related to the Council's Commission on Christian Higher Education.

Dr. McLain's remarks accompanied a formal welcome by the General Board to the 67-year-old Student Volunteer Movement as the 13th interdenominational agency to become identified with the National Council. Since it was formed by Dr. John R. Mott and other famous Christian leaders, the Student Volunteer Movement has recruited hundreds of college students for life service in Christian missions at home and abroad.

In hailing the identification of the United Student Christian Council and the Student Volunteer Movement with the National Council, Dr. McLain told the General Board:

"This provides an opportunity for all of the organized student Christian movements in America to move toward being one movement and to find a more united expression of their interests through this new relationship with the Christian churches of America. It also affords the churches an opportunity, through the National Council, to speak directly to the student Christian movement in America and enlist their efforts in behalf of such activities of the cooperative movement as Christian education, home and foreign missions, world relief, Christian life and work and many others."

In welcoming the Student Volunteer Movement to the National Council, Dr. McLain described the merger as "an important milestone in coordinating and strengthening Christian youth work in America."

Rev. Edward H. Johnson, general secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, expressed belief that the merger will "intensify the already close working relationship the Movement already enjoys with home and foreign missions and Christian higher education."

Under the agreement approved last May by the Council's General Board, the SVM will retain its identity of name and autonomy. For administrative purposes it will operate as the Missionary Service Department of the National Council.

The General Board approved the election of Mr. Johnson as executive director, and Rev. William Keys as administrative secretary, of the Missionary Service Department.

Work with the United Student Christian Council and the Faculty Christian Fellowship will be administered by the newly created Department of Campus Christian Life. The executive director is Dr. J. Edward Dirks, on leave of absence as professor of philosophy at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill.

The United Student Christian Council will retain autonomy in matters of program and budget.

The United Student Christian Council incorporates 14 constituent members: National Student Councils of the YWCA, and YMCA; Student Volunteer Movement, Interseminary Movement, Lutheran Student Association of America; and the student work departments and student movements of the following churches: American Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention (fraternally), Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed, Congregational Christian (United Student Fellowship), Evangelical United Brethren, Methodist, Presbyterian, U.S., Presbyterian U.S.A., Protestant Episcopal. The executive secretary of the United Student Christian Council is Ruth Wick, formerly acting president of Carthage College, Carthage, Ill.

WITNESS

"Be not afraid to speak and hold not thy peace." Acts 18:9

When all things are shaken;
When familiar landmarks are blotted out;
When war and tumult engulf us;
When all human pride and pretensions are humbled;
We proclaim Christ, "the Savior of the World."

We call upon all Christians to come forth:

from securities that are no longer secure;
from boundaries of accepted duty too narrow
for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We call upon all Christians to go forth:

that the world may the more fully come to know
Christ, the Son of God;
that all men everywhere may increasingly appropriate
for themselves His way of life;
that a world of Christian brotherhood may be realized;
that the unity of God's people may be achieved.

Prayer

O God of troubled men, give us courage to speak, to witness
concerning thy revolutionary love in a world committed to hate
that thy Kingdom may come and that thy will be done in earth.
Amen

VIRGIL SLY, Executive Secretary, Division of Foreign Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society.

A New View of America

Visitors from many lands listen attentively as Dr. Reissig of the Washington Church Federation tells how Protestantism functions in America. Panel is part of week-long orientation program for exchanges brought to this country under Point Four.

A GROUP of French engineers visiting the United States in recent months left a small portion of themselves behind when they returned to France. They each contributed a pint of blood to the American Red Cross.

The reason for their action, they concurred, was to show appreciation for the American spirit of generosity towards people in need at home and abroad. America, they agreed, is so rich as a nation that she needs nothing in material goods they could give.

Always having believed Americans to be concerned only with making money, they noted, they were impressed with the profound influence and wide support of U. S. churches and voluntary social agencies, and with the ready material aid provided by these groups to persons in distress.

The French engineers were among hundreds of government-sponsored visitors from abroad who have received a different picture of American life since arriving here, in part through the program of the International Center in Washington, D. C. The Center, operated by the American Council on Education under contract to the U. S. State Department, briefs visitors brought to the United States under the Point Four Program on various aspects of American life. Each one-week program includes lectures, motion pictures, and field trips. Among the topics covered are American religion, geography, history, politics, economics, community life, labor-management relations, education, communication, public opinion, health, social welfare and the fine arts.

The foreign leaders and specialists served by the Center come to the United States on invitation of the Educational Exchange Service and Technical Cooperation Administration of the Department of State, Mutual Security Agency, and Department of the Army. Concerned primarily with their own fields — government, public health, agriculture, education—the experts gain a wider perspective of American civilization through the intensive one-week session at the International Center. After this initial orientation, they enter training programs elsewhere in the United States.

For the past three years, a tri-faith panel of religious leaders has met each week at the Center to give the foreign visitors an idea of how Americans worship, as well as the particular beliefs and concerns of the three major faiths in this country. This panel, composed of three members—from the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths — speaks to groups which sometimes are composed of persons from as many as 18 to 20 nations and often represent highly varied religious backgrounds: Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, Shintoists, Christians, Jews. Simultaneous translation equipment is available for the use of non-English-speaking people.

Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, currently representing the Protestant Church on the panel, points out that a question period for the visitors—following brief statements by the religious representatives—"takes on particular interest since the questions are answered by one or all members of the panel in the presence of the other panel members."

He cites some of the most commonly asked questions:

"What have American churches done to lessen prejudice between Negro and white people?"

"In what ways do religious groups in the U. S. cooperate?"

"What position do the religious groups take on divorce?"

"Have the churches taken any stand on the question of a Christian's right to help liquidate a dictator?"

"What part does the Church take in politics?"

"Can a Roman Catholic become President of the United States?"

"Are there Catholic and Protestant labor unions in America?"

Dr. Reissig, who is executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches, covers in his initial 20-minute statement a number of important facts about U. S. Protestantism which may differ widely from the manner in which Protestantism operates in the visitors' home countries.

"Americans are neither mystics nor pietists," he declares. "They are practical people, judging a man's beliefs by the way he lives, and his interest in the welfare of other people. The Church is expected to take an interest in social and financial activities."

In his introductory statement, Dr. Reissig outlines the number and size of the U. S. Protestant denominations; organizations for Protestant cooperation on the city, state, national and international level; the work of lay men and lay women in the churches; U. S. theological seminaries; Protestant benevolent

(*Continued on page* 23)

Latin America: A Testing Ground

"THE fiercest battle for religious liberty is being fought—not behind the Iron Curtain—but in Latin America," a veteran Protestant missionary to South America declared recently.

"In Latin America," he pointed out, "a totalitarian Church finds it very hard to tolerate the presence of other Churches."

"But the way this battle goes in Latin America will affect the cause of religious liberty everywhere else in the world."

Dr. George P. Howard, a missionary South of the Rio Grande since 1909, was discussing a subject on which he is one of the foremost authorities in the world—religious liberty in Latin America. He gave his views on the situation in his New York office recently in between last-minute preparations for boarding ship to return to his Protestant mission work in a half-dozen Latin American countries.

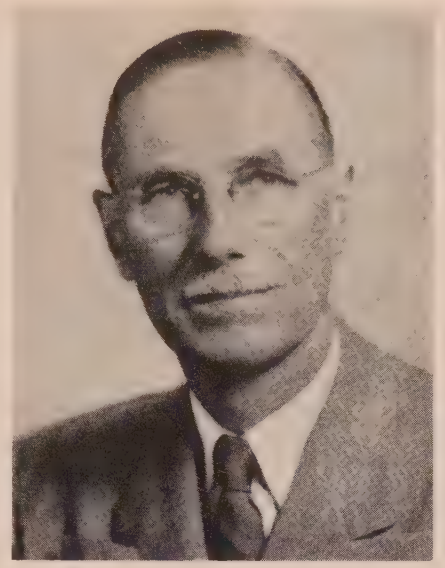
Dr. Howard, who is perhaps the best known Protestant preacher and lecturer in the Spanish tongue identified with the Southern continent, observed that Latin America has seen a "steady growth of Protestantism which persecution only seems to intensify." He cited as examples Brazil, where the Protestant community is growing twice as fast as the population, and other South American nations, where new Protestant churches are springing up constantly, along with Protestant schools, book stores and medical missions.

Queried as to the methods by which persecution of Protestants is carried out South of the border, Dr. Howard emphasized a number of facts not generally known or recognized in the Northern half of the Americas.

In some Latin American communities, he pointed out, a Protestant is not allowed to rent living quarters or to obtain a building permit. Further, the means of making a living often is categorically denied to Protestants. Charity may not be given to needy persons known to be Protestants.

Dr. Howard, who spent the past year in the United States conducting a public relations operation and a series of coast-to-coast speaking engagements from the New York offices of the National Council's Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, summarized more fully his views on the situation in South America in a talk at a church convention a short time after his arrival in this country from the Southern continent.

Speaking on the topic, "South America Dreams of Democracy," Dr. Howard declared: "In spite of the authoritarian type of Christianity that has predominated in Latin America, the awakening masses dream of democracy. But the dominance of priest and king has in the past made it hard to prepare Latin Americans psychologically for the responsibilities and privileges of democracy. Man is a unit: you cannot teach him submission in the realm of the spirit and at the same time expect him to become a free, responsible individual in the realm of the social and political.



DR. GEORGE P. HOWARD

"The tutorship of a dominating church is coming to an end," he asserted. "The masses have broken away from their spiritual masters."

Turning to a more positive aspect of the situation, Dr. Howard noted that "the Protestant interpretation of Christianity is awakening a sense of worth and human dignity in the neglected masses of Latin America. This promises much for the future."

As an example of the influence of Protestantism in Latin America, Dr. Howard related how a Peruvian senatorial commission appointed to investigate the conditions of the Indians in Peru reported back that Protestant missionaries were the only people doing anything to help the Indians.

"You can always recognize an evangelical Indian," said the report. "He looks you in the face like a man."

"This," concluded Dr. Howard, "makes me proud of being a Protestant."

Dr. Howard, who is equally fluent in English and Spanish, was born in Argentina—the son of missionary parents—educated in Argentina and later at Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute. The author of numerous works both in Spanish and English, he is perhaps best known for his book, "Religious Liberty in Latin America," published in 1944. "Religious Liberty," printed in English, Spanish and Portuguese, is considered by many authorities in the field of Latin American affairs to have been instrumental in changing the attitude of the U. S. government in regard to the situation in South America at that time.

Although he was officially retired by his denominational mission board a year ago, Dr. Howard has no thought of retiring from the active mission field. "Loaned" by the Methodist Church to the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America for the past 24 years, Dr. Howard from now on will function as a "free lance" missionary, under auspices of the Committee. With headquarters at his home in Montevideo, Uruguay, he will conduct mission work in several neighboring countries, as an evangelical lecturer to the educated classes and intellectuals. Because of his wide experience on both sides of the Rio Grande, Dr. Howard is equally familiar with the psychology of the Latin and the Anglo-Saxon.

Commenting on the work of Dr. Howard, Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft, chairman of the Council's Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, said recently: "Millions of people in South America no longer are associated with the Catholic Church, but because their families are Catholic, they can't be seen entering a Protestant Church. Dr. Howard has attracted large numbers of these people to public halls to hear the Protestant message."

During the past quarter-century, Dr. Howard's lectures on Christian themes have drawn thousands of political leaders, intellectuals and university students wherever he has spoken in every South American republic.

Church and Labor Seminar

Church and labor leaders met at a special seminar held in connection with the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in St. Louis, Mo. The seminar was sponsored by the National Council's department of the church and economic life and arranged in cooperation with the Metropolitan Church Federation of Greater St. Louis.

Council Personalities

A capable administrative brain and a feminine Southern accent as pretty as magnolias are a disarming combination to find in a Northern church office.

MRS. MacLEOD

They both belong to *Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod,* general director of the General Department of United Church Women, the national headquarters for more than 1900 state and local councils of church women.

Dorothy MacLeod's Southern accent is ingrained—a native of South Carolina, she spent most of her life in the South, as a young school teacher, and a pastor's wife, and later as a YWCA secretary and an executive of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

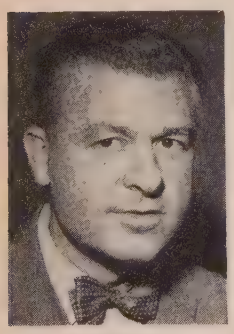
Her background and experience are important in a position that calls for both administrative ability and sympathetic knowledge of the problems that millions of churchwomen are concerned about—their work in the churches, their attitudes toward human relations, their interests in family life, their knowledge of what goes on in their communities and their country.

A graduate of Winthrop College, in Rock Hill, S. C., Dorothy MacLeod taught in public schools of North and South Carolina before her marriage. Later she shared in her husband's pastorate in Pinehurst, N. C., and Nashville, Tenn. After her husband's death in 1940, Mrs. MacLeod came to New York City for a special training course at National YWCA headquarters. In 1941, she returned to Nashville to become business and industrial secretary of the YWCA there, a position she held until 1944. That year she was made assistant secretary of woman's work for the Presbyterian Church, U. S., with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

In 1948, the Fourth Biennial Assembly of the United Council of Church Women elected Mrs. MacLeod their executive secretary. When the United Church Women became part of the National Council two years later, Mrs. MacLeod received the new title of general director.

This month she will help guide the women's Sixth National Assembly in Atlantic City, when some 3,000 delegates come together to carry on their united Christian program for a better and more peaceful world.

Albert R. Crews, is director of television for the National Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission, is almost as widely traveled as a foreign missionary—and, in a sense, in his own field he is just that.



CREWS

Part of his job is the production of creative religious television programs — currently they include the network program, "Frontiers of Faith," the widely-used TV film series, "What's Your Trouble?" and a forthcoming series called "The Pastor."

The other part is helping to train local church people, in the Commission's workshops, so they will be able to build religious television in their own communities.

A Midwesterner, born in Illinois, he graduated from DePauw University in 1929, edited two weekly papers in Indiana, became interested in writing for radio, and in 1936 helped set up a radio department in Northwestern University's school of speech, where he had just gotten a master's degree.

He was chairman of the new department for seven years, during which he helped set up the summer radio training institutes which were co-sponsored by the university and the National Broadcasting Company. He was co-director of the institutes until 1946.

During this period he spent several months studying English radio and TV with the BBC in London, and French radio at Radio Diffusion Francaise in Paris. In 1945-46 he established the radio department of the new U. S. Army University in Biarritz, France.

In 1947 he went to Tokyo to supervise Japanese radio—two networks and 187 stations—for General MacArthur's occupation program.

He returned from Japan in 1949 and joined the staff of the Protestant Radio Commission, now part of the Broadcasting and Film Commission.

His home is in Port Washington, N. Y.; his chief recreation is a small cabin cruiser on Long Island Sound, whose crew includes Mrs. Crews and their 12-year-old son. He is a member of the Congregational Christian Church.

Dr. Rowland M. Cross, executive secretary of the Far Eastern Joint Office for the Council's Division of Foreign Missions, was a missionary in China for some 25 years.

CROSS

China is a long way from novelist Sinclair Lewis' "Main Street," but that's where Rowland Cross was born: in Sauk Center, Minn., with Sinclair Lewis' father as the attending physician.

Son of a Congregational minister, he grew up in manses in Minnesota, and went to Carleton College, graduating in 1910.

He spent four years in Honolulu, two of them teaching in the Mid-Pacific Institute, a mission school, and two as a YMCA secretary. In 1917 he went to China as a Congregational missionary.

For six years he was in student evangelistic work, living for part of the time in a Chinese house inside the Imperial City in Peiping, near the government university.

Later he was co-secretary, with a Chinese pastor, of the Congregational program in North China, traveling to mission stations in three provinces—sometimes on muleback.

In the 1930's he was put in charge of rural work in the Peiping area assisting in a training program for farmers in agricultural methods and public health, with the rural church as the program center.

He returned to the States in 1940, but during the war returned to Free China working with the National Council of China to help the churches plan their post-war program.

In the U. S. in 1945, after a health furlough, he became a secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference in charge of planning post-war work in China, Japan and Korea, a job which later included Okinawa, the Philippines, and all of Southeast Asia. These areas remained his responsibility when the FMC became part of the National Council.

Dr. Cross is also active in work with Chinese students in New York City. He and his wife—a fellow-missionary Adelle Tenney whom he married early in his stay in China—have one son, serving with the U. S. Information Service in Hongkong. A baseball fan, Dr. Cross is partial to the Brooklyn Dodgers, although he lives in Manhattan.

Outlook

Samuel McCrea Cavert Retires

IT WILL be difficult for all his many friends to understand how the National Council of Churches can get along without Samuel McCrea Cavert when he retires. He has been so much a part of this newly formed cooperative Christian organization that he will be missed beyond the power of words to express.

Dr. Cavert has given many years to cooperative Christianity. It was in 1919 that he joined the staff of the Federal Council of Churches as secretary of the Committee on the War and the Religious Outlook, which made a series of studies of major religious problems after the first World War. He was elected associate secretary of the Council in 1920; one of its two general secretaries in 1921 and in 1930, became its chief executive officer. When the Federal Council reached its fortieth anniversary in 1948, it consisted of 27 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions, with memberships totalling over 28,000,000. During his leadership in the Federal Council, cooperative Christianity spread to 670 cities and counties in 40 states of the nation.

Dr. Cavert helped to organize the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948. He assisted the provisional committee in working out the details of organization for this historic event in Christendom, which included 150 communions in 42 countries.

In his present position, this leader is the top executive of the National Council of Churches, composed of 25 Protestant and 5 Eastern Orthodox communions with a total membership of more than 35,000,000, the largest religious organization in the United States. This is the most honored and at the same time the most responsible position in cooperative Christianity in our country.

When Dr. Cavert began his ecumenical work almost 35 years ago, many did not believe much in cooperation among the churches of different denominations. This wise Christian leader, more than anyone else in America, has been responsible for the change in climate and the rapid growth of unity among the churches of our nation.

Dr. Cavert across the years and now, has more than measured up to his high office. He has brought to the office of General Secretary first in the Federal Council of Churches and now in the National Council of Churches, a disciplined mind and a cultured heart. This leader is a Christian. He possesses the mind of Christ and his work is done in the spirit of Christ.

Dr. Cavert is a churchman. He has always been a churchman. Some have said that he is one of the greatest churchmen this century has produced. His life and service testify to this fact. Because he has believed so implicitly in the Church, he has done all his work within her fellowship.

Those who have served with this intrepid Christian leader have been amazed again and again at his administrative ability. He has always been able to bring men and women of different talents together and weld them into a team. He inspires others to do their best. He has possessed tact, patience and a real respect for others and for their points of view. His capacity for this kind of leadership has brought immeasurable results for Christ and His Church. His has been a service of unusual devotion and extraordinary skill.

And so, after these 35 years of devoted Council service in behalf of the churches, we say, "Thanks Dr. Cavert, for a job nobly done."

Christ, the Hope of the World

FOR Christians around the world the great event of the coming year, and possibly of their lifetimes, will be the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, to be held on the campus of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., August 15-31, 1954.

There is nothing new about an ecumenical council. Most of us read about the ecumenical councils of the early Church—probably somewhat reluctantly—in our high schol history books. Those conferences brought together the churches of "the whole inhabited world" (that's what "ecumenical" means) of the early Christian era.

The new ecumenical movement has a comparatively short history, with roots in the great missionary movements of the nineteenth century and its climax in the Constituting Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland in 1948. Once again the churches, separated by years of schism and distrust, are finding their way to the path which they hope will lead them, some day, back to visible Christian unity. On that path the Second Assembly, at Evanston, will be a milestone in several important ways.

Perhaps the most unique feature of the forthcoming Assembly will be the extent to which the entire Church is invited to join in the preparatory deliberations. Comparatively few people will be able to go to Evanston, but it has been emphasized again and again that the real purpose of the Assembly—to speak not only to the churches but on their behalf to the world—will come to nought unless Christians at all levels take an active part in the preparations for the Assembly.

The Assembly has a uniqueness, too, in the depth at which it is seeking to find a common voice with which to speak to the world—to the people bewildered and torn apart by atomic warfare, mechanized industry; by mass communications which are beyond analysis and with which one cannot keep abreast, and by the subtler threat of philosophies of self-sufficiency and materialism or by organized greed and corruption.

There is nothing new about the general theme of the Assembly: "Christ the Hope of the World." But there *is* something new in the way the preparatory commissions for the Assembly have seen in these time-honored words the one adequate answer to today's needs, and are probing for the full meaning of that promise as it relates to the most pressing and difficult problems that confront both the Church and the world today.

The CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

Ask Government-Sponsored TV

A statement opposing the introduction of commercial television in New Zealand has been adopted by the National Council of Churches in New Zealand. The resolution called for "strictest control from the outset" if commercial television should be effected in the commonwealth.

The church council said it took the action because "the potential evils of sponsored television are so great and may be so detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of the country."

It also recommended strongly that when television is introduced, whether commercially or government-sponsored, "a due proportion of free time be made available to the churches for approved programs and all political and religious programs be subject to strict and impartial control."

Civil Rights Campaign Extended

A statewide campaign on "the present threat to constitutional rights and liberties," launched last January by the Massachusetts Council of Churches as a one-month project, may extend at least until 1954 because "the response has been so great," according to Dr. Myron W. Fowell.

Dr. Fowell, secretary of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and chairman of the Council's committee on legislation which is sponsoring the campaign, described nation-wide response to the project as "heartening."

Some 7,000 packets of instructive material, prepared by the committee on legislation, were sent to ministers and leading laymen of the state's 2,000 Protestant churches. Dr. Fowell said that newspaper announcements of the campaign brought requests for material from church councils, congregations and individuals in nearly every state.

He emphasized that the committee, in releasing the educational material, "does not tell people how they ought to think" on various issues. He said the material issued includes a copy of the Bill of Rights, basic scriptural passages and "representative problem situations."

Commenting on the campaign, Dr. Fowell declared that "patriotic but misguided Americans could lead this country down the same tragic path that destroyed civil liberties in Germany under Hitler when the purpose was to crush communism. After the freedoms were gone, it was too late for the people to stage a come-back."

Initiate Interracial Staff

The Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis, Mo., has appointed Rev. Guy D. Outlaw as chaplain of Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis. Mr. Outlaw is the first Negro to be appointed a federation staff member, although the agency has employed Negroes in minor posts for several years.

In announcing Mr. Outlaw's appointment, Rev. O. Walter Wagner, said: "The Church Federation is moving toward an inter-racial staff relationship that promises to serve as a good example to the 500 churches in our group." Mr. Outlaw is a former lecturer at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Center, Mass.; Baptist pastor; and Armed Forces chaplain during World War II.

Four Points Beyond Point Four

"Four Points Beyond Point Four," a leaflet outlining specific steps to achieve more constructive international relations, has been distributed to local churches in Connecticut as the third in a series on international relations issued by the Connecticut Council of Churches. The statement, according to Rev. Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the Connecticut Council, is designed "not so much to settle the issues raised as to precipitate discusion in church circles."

The leaflet asserts that "as a Christian nation we should be trying to bring about the brotherhood of man; therefore we should act towards other peoples in a way befitting this aim." As the four points beyond Point Four which would help bring about the world brotherhood of man, the statement suggests:

1. Stronger educational and technical assistance programs conducted by church and private agencies to nations overseas, and the cutting of strings attached to such assistance from the U. S. government.

2. Revision of U. S. immigration laws to end the National Origins Quota System and to set one overall quota on yearly immigration at one-sixth of the total population of the U. S. in the most recent census.

3. Lowering American tariff barriers to let "others trade with us on the same basis we trade with ourselves."

4. Working more cooperatively with the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and modifying U. S. "short-run self-interest" to "fit in with the needs of the world community as a whole."

National Park Ministry Fills Need

Working as truck drivers, garbage collectors, night watchmen and soda jerks, and giving their free time on a volunteer basis to a ministry program, 69 college and seminary students spent three months in 11 National Parks in cooperation with the Joint Department of Evangelism's Christian Ministry in the National Parks.

While all the statistics have not come in, it is estimated that over 85,000 people will have attended a Protestant service in the 11 National Parks included in the program this year. Students from 14 Protestant denominations participated in the program. The largest audiences were in Yosemite, where 35,000 people attended 15 weekly general Protestant services, in Yellowstone, where 15,000 worshipped, in Sequoia and Grand Canyon, with 10,000, and Glacier National Park in Montana, with 5,000.

Books of Remembrance

Record the life history of your church along with the names of those whose gifts have benefited your church.

Beautiful, hand-tooled leather books with hand-engrossed pages are exhibited in carved repositories.

Also, exquisite stained glass windows and church furnishings. Send for our catalog.

WHITTEMORE ASSOCIATES, INC.
16 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

- Chancel Furniture
- Altars
- Altar Rails
- Pews
- Baptismal Fonts
- Choir Stalls
- Pulpits
- Credences
- Lecterns
- Carved Plaques
- Church Woodwork

• Consultation without obligation

Send for Brochure NC

Ossit SINCE 1867

Ossit Church Furniture Company, Inc.
Janesville, Wisconsin

THE PRICE OF AMERICAN POWER

**World Order Day Message, October 25, 1953*

The United States through no special merit or virtue has emerged from two global wars the most powerful nation on earth, economically and politically. We as a people have not sought this great power nor the responsibilities of leadership that go with it. This new power is fraught with moral significance.

In this interdependent age we know that decisions of the United States Congress and the Administration have a profound effect, for good or ill, on millions of persons throughout the world. With the continuous development of increasingly destructive weapons of war it has become more urgent than ever before for the United States to exercise its power with wisdom and restraint.

The revolutionary upsurge among the people of Asia and Africa has brought vast opportunities and responsibilities to the nations of the West. Our country has not come to grips adequately with these new and legitimate demands for political freedom and economic opportunity.

The United States is accountable to God and to the world community for the effects of its power and policy on other peoples wherever they may be. The price of power is responsibility. The nation that has much given to it will have much required of it. If our country would meet the challenge of world leadership which has been thrust upon it, there are three primary responsibilities it cannot escape.

First, the United States must continue to cooperate with and be willing to accept the criticism and restraint of its allies and other friendly nations. Just as we are not powerful enough politically to go it alone, we are not good enough nor wise enough to go our own way without the continuous counsel and moral restraint of other nations. We commend our government for resisting aggression in Korea in concert with other powers, and thank God that the bloodshed has at last ended. In common endeavors such as that in Korea there are always differences of opinion and tension among allies. We firmly believe that our country should participate in the United Nations and in regional security arrangements like NATO not only because they are vehicles of cooperation, but because they are instruments of judgment on our national actions. The United Nations and NATO can help our country to transform its power into morally responsible policy.

Second, the United States must keep open the door to all possibilities for the honest negotiation of differences between the Soviet Union and the free world. We must adhere steadfastly to the central principles of justice and freedom which undergird our foreign policy. But we should guard against taking arbitrary and premature positions on delicate international questions. Such inflexibility leaves no room for the give and take essential to easing tensions and solving problems. The United Nations is an open door to the settlement of disputes by peaceful means.

Third, the United States must be willing to make a sustained commitment to the principles of justice and peaceful change in the world of nations. There are no quick or easy ways to maintain security, to check tyranny, or to promote economic opportunity. For a long time, in spite of their utmost efforts to help themselves, the peoples in the economically less developed areas will need technical assistance from the more developed countries. Even highly developed areas cannot become economically healthy unless the United States has a sustained trade and tariff policy which will permit them to sell more goods here. Wholehearted participation of the United States in the United Nations and other common endeavors will keep us aware of such continuing responsibilities to the world community.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. urges the members of its constituent communions and all our fellow citizens to weigh the obligations of world leadership and to accept the cost of American power. The price of American power and leadership is high. It must be paid in dollars and sweat, and perchance in blood and tears. It must be paid in patience, humility, and understanding. May God grant our country and each one of us the courage and faith to accept the responsibilities of our power. May He grant us the humility to take into account the rights, interests and needs of other peoples in the exercise of this power.

* This statement was adopted by the General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. on September 16, 1953.

CHURCH BUILDING LITERATURE

For a list of more than 100 items of literature on church building and remodeling, send a card to

C. Harry Atkinson, Executive Director
THE BUREAU OF CHURCH BUILDING
Room 808
300 Fourth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Sudbury CHURCH WORSHIP AIDS

Have your dealer show you the wide variety of well made church appointments we produce

FOR COMPLETE CATALOG SEND TO
SUDBURY BRASS GOODS CO.
55 SUDBURY STREET, BOSTON 14, MASS.

The church they know is where they'll go...

"Carillonic Bells"* beckon people all week long—

making the church a *well known* source of spiritual life in the community. They actually promote church growth. The tonal beauty of "Carillonic Bells" is unmatched by any cast bells or chimes. Every church can afford them—no church should be without them.

Hundreds of installations throughout the nation! Learn how *your* church may have the world's finest bell music, write to—

"Carillonic Bells"*
SCHULMERICH CARILLONS, Inc.
20358 Carillon Hill, SELLERSVILLE, PA.
*"Carillonic Bells" is a trademark for bell instruments of Schulmerich Electronics, Inc.

PEWS, PULPIT & CHANCEL Furniture
• • EARLY DELIVERY • •
WRITE FOR CATALOGUE
J.P. REDINGTON & CO.
DEPT. 8 SCRANTON 2, PA.

GOWNS
Write for FREE Choir Gown Booklet G76, Pulpit Book P76. Budget Plan.
E. R. MOORE CO.
932 Dakin St., Chicago 13, Ill.
25-34 Jackson, Long Island City 1, N.Y.
1908 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 57, Calif.

A CALENDAR FOR EVERY CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN • METHODIST • LUTHERAN • EPISCOPAL • BAPTIST
CONGREGATIONAL • EVANGELICAL AND OTHER CHURCHES

A POWERFUL FORCE FOR EDUCATION and INSPIRATION IN EVERY CHRISTIAN HOME

1954 ASHBY CHURCH CALENDARS are outstanding because of their beauty, their interest and their educational features. As daily reminders of Christian living . . . with the days and seasons of the Church Year beautifully reproduced in full liturgical colors . . . these distinctive calendars are invaluable to every clergyman and church member. They mark our sixty-first year of service to the Protestant Churches of America. Each calendar is edited by an outstanding church scholar and follows the most authoritative denominational practice. All are available in the regular Masterpiece Edition, or with special headings, fully individualized for your Church or Parish.

SPECIAL HEADING EDITIONS

The Church Calendar may be had in Special Heading editions which show, in one color of warm brown, any illustration of interest to your church together with a listing of services, meetings, etc. All other exclusive features of the Masterpiece Editions are retained in full color.

A MAJOR SOURCE OF PROFIT — THROUGH A CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Hundreds of Church groups and societies have found Ashby Calendars a remarkably effective and thoroughly churchly means of raising funds to further their worthy work. They find an immediate and generous response when they offer Ashby Calendars, due to a rapidly growing interest in the tangible symbols of religion. Profits from these sales make a substantial addition to any group treasury, especially desirable since it is obtained through an essentially religious medium. Societies sell Ashby Church Calendars at 50¢ to 60¢ each and earn up to $100.00 or more.

MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!

A fully illustrated descriptive circular will be sent FREE if you mail the coupon at the right. It explains in detail the value of Ashby Calendars in your Parish and how Church groups can profit through this thoroughly churchly means of raising funds.

ASHBY CO • BOX 1423 • ERIE, PA.

Please send your FREE Descriptive circular and Price List of Ashby Church Calendars to:

Name.....

Address.....

City.....State.....

For Sample Copy Enclose 50¢ and check here ☐

Bigger Budgets

(Continued from page 7)

sent both himself as a Christian and the kind of church program he would like to see. This elevation of sights is accomplished in many ways.

"For example, after the total financial resources of the church have been discovered, each member can learn what his share might be if the total new program is to be realized."

Summarizing the results of the Springfield sector project last year, Dr. Pendleton asserts that this pilot project proved "these techniques can be used anywhere, in churches of any size."

Mr. Thompson of the National Council points out that by using scientifically worked out sector plans, "churches will have a larger vision of their ministries and a better idea of the services they should render."

This clearly-defined and professionally supervised plan, he says, attains a high degree of organization in each local church.

A variety of methods are utilized to inform the church membership of the campaign goals, Mr. Thompson continues. These methods include letters, brochures, five-minute speeches to church organizations, congregational meetings.

Last summer the first sector project training school was conducted at Green Lake, Wis., co-sponsored by the National Council's department of stewardship and benevolence and the American Baptist Convention. During a week's intensive training, a group of denominational leaders acquainted themselves with the necessary techniques to conduct a local training project.

Mr. Thompson relates that Springfield and Holyoke, Mass., will conduct a sector project again this autumn, and that a sector project is scheduled for Rochester, N. Y., in the fall of 1954.

"Plans are under way for another sector training school next summer," Mr. Thompson says, "The real genius of a sector project in a local community is that it is closely supervised.

Honeymoon—Anniversary—Vacation!

On our 250 acre estate there's every opportunity for relaxation or for active sports and recreation. The friendly atmosphere at this charming country Inn, the delicious meals and restful surroundings form a perfect background for happy carefree days at every season of the year . . . in October brilliant foliage adds gorgeous color to the countryside.

Rates $9 to $14 a day inc. meals

For folder, reservations tel. 341 or write A. Gordon Moody, Mgr.

EAST NORTHFIELD-MASS.

A New Occupant

(*Continued from page* 5)

The post of associate general secretary is expected to be filled by the Board sometime before it is vacated by Dr. Ross. A nomination will be presented by the Board's personnel committee. The Board fills all executive positions except that of general secretary. The latter is named for a biennium with other officers of the Council by the General Assembly which next will meet December 1954 in Boston. The Board is authorized, however, to act when a vacancy occurs in the office of general secretary during the biennium.

The election will bring to the office of general secretary a 55-year-old Midwesterner who has spent most of his adult years in the service of the Disciples of Christ, the communion which ordained him, and the International Council of Religious Education. The latter organization experienced phenomenal growth during the 15 years he served it as general secretary. He played a large part in launching a revision of the Bible in 1937, resulting in the publication last October of the Revised Standard Version, and won recognition as one of the country's creative leaders in Christian education. Dr. Ross, a year out of Yale Divinity School, went to Indianapolis as national director of young people's work and three years later became executive secretary of the Disciples' United Christian Missionary Society. He merged the denomination's educational functions into a single division of Christian education. After eight years' service he was called to Chicago by the ICRE.

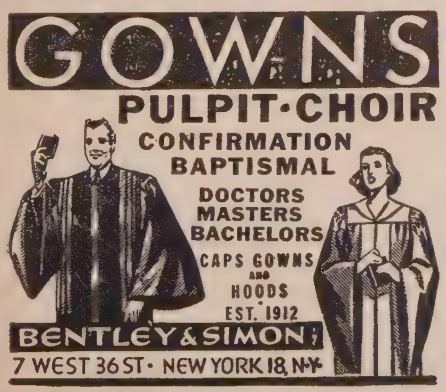
During the formative years of the National Council of Churches, the planning committee relied greatly on Dr. Ross and Dr. Cavert, for 29 years general secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. They administered the two largest of the eight agencies that brought to fruition the plans for the National Council at Cleveland in December, 1950. At Cleveland the delegates to the constituting convention chose Dr. Cavert as general secretary and called Dr. Ross to New York as his associate. From adjoining offices at the National Council's headquarters at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, they have worked closely together during what may be described as the "transitional period" of the National Council, welding together the staffs of twelve interdenominational agencies that turned over their Christian program at Cleveland to the Council.

When he retires, Dr. Cavert will turn over to Dr. Ross direction of a staff of 600 that is serving the constituent churches in more than 60 areas of Christian activity at home and abroad. Today, there are 30 communions, 147,000 churches and 35,000,000 members in what has become the nation's largest religious organization. The Council now is administering the programs of 13 interdenominational agencies.

Dr. Cavert, a Presbyterian (USA) clergyman, has been a leader in the world movement to strengthen the Christian churches through cooperative unity. He played a major role in the formation not only of the National Council but also of the World Council of Churches.

A chaplain in the first world war, in 1919, he joined the staff of the Federal Council of Churches, then a young, still small organization. A year later Dr. Cavert became associate secretary and in 1921 was named one of its two general secretaries. In 1930 he became the chief executive officer, a post he filled for 20 years. During these years of growth the Federal Council exercised a great influence in Christian thought as the instrument of cooperation of the Protestant churches of the United States and Canada. In this period church cooperation, patterned after the Federal Council spread around the world, climaxed by the first assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in 1948.

"I shall never cease to be grateful for the privilege which I have had of serving the cause of cooperation among the churches of America for so many years," Dr. Cavert wrote to Dr. Morse, in notifying him of his plan to retire.



British Books Are Inexpensive!

BOOKS ON THEOLOGY

NEW & SECONDHAND -:- ENGLISH & FOREIGN

Available Free on Request

Catalogue

of books on

THEOLOGY and PHILOSOPHY

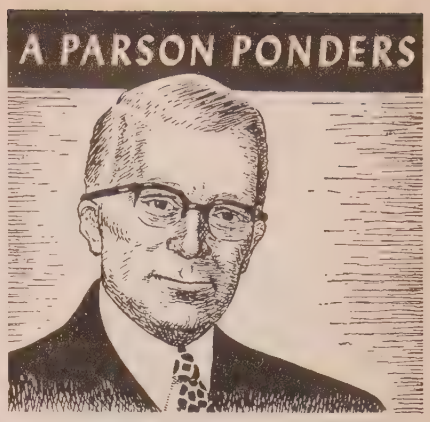
Send Us Your Wants List

Whatever book you may want, ASK

JAMES THIN

Bookseller and Publisher to the University

South Bridge, Edinburgh, Scotland



"Never underestimate the power of a woman"—especially if she is a minister's wife or fiancée. That's what every preacher ought to know. If justice were done, every village green would be decorated by a monument to mistresses of the manse who have made the community a lovelier place by their presence. Trouble is, those who make the deepest impression do not sound the trumpet before them.

The Presbyterian Ministers' Fund knows how much the preacher owes to his better seven-eighths. She exhibits a mastery of the intricacies of finance which makes big-shot financiers look like frustrated amateurs. "Husbands, obey your wives"—at least in getting and spending—this could be set down as a very dependable order for clerics.

"Never underestimate the power of the Fund". A veritable host of elect ladies who have given themselves to the work of ministering to ministers know this. The feeling of discovering how much this company can do for them never seems to lose its zest.

Working agreements between the aristocracy of the ministers' wives and the Fund has become a Holy Alliance making for peace of mind for generations past and present.

Write to the nearest office about any question of finance. Epistles written in a feminine hand receive a special welcome and a quick reply.

Write to

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' FUND

The Alison Bldg., Rittenhouse Sq.
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

(8 branch offices from coast to coast)

An Interdenominational Life Insurance Company for all Protestant Ministers.

ALEXANDER MACKIE, *President.*

Please send me information about:

☐ *Protection* ☐ *Juvenile Insurance*
☐ *Family Income* ☐ *Retirement Income*

Name.....

Address.....

City.....Zone.....State.....

Date of Birth.....

NC

"More than a Business—an Institution"

OLD BEFORE HIS TIME

It happens here!

Photo by David Myers

James—age 13, picks cotton

Thousands of migrant children, some as young as six, work long hours in the hot sun in commercial agriculture in many states across America.

This child labor is not just healthy chores or work for parents on the home farm, but employment by large scale agriculture in many crops, often gruelling toil in stooping, crawling backbreaking positions. It impairs the health of these our least privileged children and robs them of their rightful American heritage of an adequate education.

Most migrant families live in misery. Often 8 or 10 persons crowded into one room shacks—unsanitary privies—garbage—flies—disease.

NEEDED: better child labor laws—better enforcement — proper housing — better school attendance.

The National Child Labor Committee is a private agency working to bring about better conditions along these lines.

Chairman, Rev. F. Ernest Johnson
Membership Secretary, Rev. James Myers.

Let's show the world the concern for the least privileged and the desire for "justice to all" which live in the heart of America.

Please detach and mail today.

To The National Child Labor Committee
419 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

I enclose $..... to help your drive for better conditions for migrant children.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

.....(1)

New Vistas for the Rural Church

WITH emphasis on the redemption of rural life, the tenth annual National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country will be held in St. Paul, Minn., October 27-29.

The Convocation, sponsored by the National Council of Churches' Division of Home Missions through its Department of Town and Country Church, will this year draw one thousand or more pastors, farm specialists and other leaders in the rural life movement, Don F. Pielstick, Department director, indicates.

"This will be a real grass roots conference," Mr. Pielstick said, "one where dedicated workers in the rural churches will meet with agricultural county agents, farm laymen with college specialists. Young people will be there, hopeful of finding guidance in the aim they share with their parents to inject meaning and vitality in rural life."

The speakers have all been chosen for their closeness to the heart of the rural life movement, Mr. Pielstick pointed out. They include, Rainer W. Schickels of North Dakota Agricultural College, who will discuss ethical issues in farm policy; Baker Brownell of Northwestern University, speaking on factors of vitality in rural life; and A. D. Mattson of Augustana Theological Seminary, on rural aspects of the Christian Mission.

William W. Biddle, director of community dynamics at Earlham College, will address the gathering on redemptive leadership in small communities. And Rockwell C. Smith of Garrett Biblical Institute will speak on the rural church and the changing scene.

At the closing session, Ira W. Moomaw, educational secretary of Agricultural Missions, Inc., and an agricultural missionary in India for eighteen years, will discuss rural trends of the future; "Hope Rises from the Land."

On the conference working level, there will be a total of 16 study commissions. They will consider and report on topics ranging from country church administration to youth counseling.

"Let me hint at the scope of these studies," Mr. Pielstick said, "by taking at random Commission 15 which will concern itself with "Rural-Urban Relations." This group will go into the problem of the relations between the farmer and the worker."

"Another Commission, on Church Building, will deal with a host of problems related to serving congregations in newly settled areas, for instance, remodeling older structures no longer adequate for local needs—and how to raise the money for all this work."

All signs point to a strong revival of the rural churches in America, Mr. Pielstick declared. "With intensive new programs, new and broader approaches to how the churches can best serve rural families, they are clearly making a comeback," he said.

"Another factor in today's picture is a new kind of pastor in the smaller communities," he added. "Vigorous young men fully aware of current farm life problems and dedicated to easing and solving them on an individual and community-wide basis. For these reasons this year's Convocation is being held in an atmosphere of greater hope and enthusiasm than ever before.

ENJOY PEACE OF MIND

Through a Remarkable *Annuity Plan* That Enables You To Give and Receive Richly

Send today for an interesting **free booklet** that tells how you may share in the great work of spreading the Gospel throughout the world– at the same time receiving a *safe, generous, assured, lifelong income*, beginning immediately. Today, sure, write THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, Dept. FC-405, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

German Study Tour

Dr. J. Quinter Miller and Dr. Frederick L. Fagley are two of a group of nine American religious leaders leaving for Germany Oct. 12 for a four-week study trip sponsored by the Bonn government.

The group invited by the West German government includes Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders.

Dr. Miller is an administrative secretary of the National Council and its director of field administration, working with hundreds of state and local councils of churches.

Dr. Fagley for the past four years has been director of the National Council's German Exchange project, working with visiting German religious leaders who were assigned to the National Council under the U. S. State Department's exchange program. He is secretary emeritus of the Congregational Christian General Council.

The purpose of the group's visit is both to acquaint the religious leaders with conditions in Western Germany and to let them see at first hand situations in which they are particularly interested.

Dr. Miller plans to concentrate particularly on such aspects as local church cooperation, Christian education, religious radio and television, social welfare, relief and inter-church aid. Dr. Fagley will devote his visit chiefly to seeing German church leaders with whom he worked in this country.

A New View of America

(*Continued from page* 14)

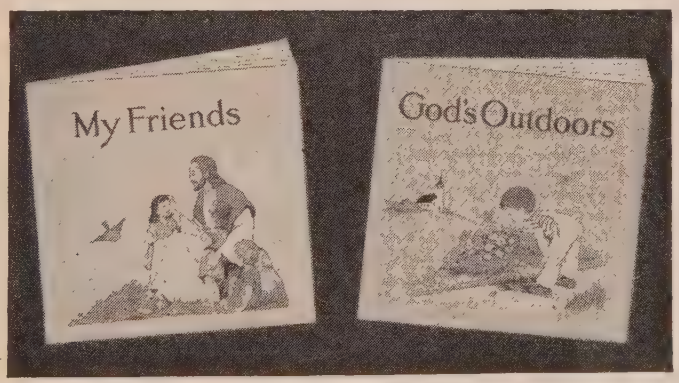
institutions—homes for the aged and orphans, hospitals; Christian social action in regard to race problems, housing, the right of working people to organize into labor unions.

"The churches also are interested in the whole international scene," he says. "They study the problems and try to help the government bring about better conditions. They have favored the Point Four Program and are especially concerned with it."

On the race relations situation in America, Dr. Reissig admits frankly that "segregation exists in the Protestant churches."

"But we are fighting it," he asserts, "because it is both undemocratic and un-Christian. All Protestant groups have taken a strong stand against discrimination. The National Council of Churches will not hold a conference in a segregated city."

Colorful NEW TWO-YEAR-OLD materials for home use and the church nursery!



MY FRIENDS . . . GOD'S OUTDOORS . . . MY HOME . . . MY FAMILY

Four beautifully illustrated books for the two-year-old child containing child-life and Bible stories, table graces and verses to sing (by Jessie B. Carlson with adaptations from Eva B. McCallum). All stories are in the areas of experience through which a two-year-old may be led to a beginning knowledge of God and growth in the Christian way of life. *$1.50 per set of four*

THE TWOS AT CHURCH

A guide for parents and leaders by Elizabeth C. Gardner explaining how to present each type of material in the picture-story books. *75 cents*

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Eight-page, quarterly, illustrated messages telling how parents can help the child grow spiritually at home. *20 cents per set*

THE BETHANY PRESS, St. Louis 3, Mo.

WHY YOU SHOULD "MEET WITH Wells"

Proved by more than 250 churches every month

... before organizing any fund-raising program

Your leaders should understand certain dynamics of giving, before a fund-raising plan can become successful in your church. Good preparation, whether for a budget canvass or for a building program, may require a week or several months. Even very preliminary decisions can make or break a program.

The Best Time to "Meet with Wells"

When a few leaders start talking about a fund-raising program is the best time to hold a Wells Complimentary Conference at your church. In this meeting, without cost or obligation on your part, a Wells officer will guide your leaders through a self-study of your needs and potentials, and help you create a plan of action. (Twenty of Wells most experienced officers give almost full time to these Conferences, which are now being held at an average of more than 250 churches every month.)

How to Arrange for a Conference

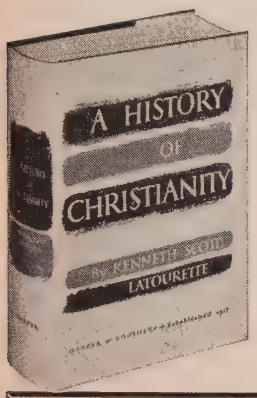
No special preliminaries are necessary beyond arranging for your top responsible leadership to be present. Simply write or phone (collect) to the nearest Wells office. There's no obligation.

Wells
Church Fund-Raising
ORGANIZATIONS

CHICAGO, 222 N. Wells St., CEntral 6-0506
WASHINGTON, D. C., 327 Wyatt Bldg., STerling 3-7333
NEW YORK, Empire State Bldg., OXford 5-1855
CLEVELAND, Terminal Tower, MAin 1-0490
OMAHA, W.O.W. Bldg., JAckson 3100
FORT WORTH, Electric Bldg., FAnnin 9374
ATLANTA, Mortgage Guarantee Bldg., ALpine 2728
LOS ANGELES, Statler Bldg., MAdison 6-5686
SAN FRANCISCO, 41 Sutter St., GArfield 1-0277
TORONTO, 330 Bay St., EMpire 6-5878
WINNIPEG, Somerset Bldg., 93-6493

ONLY PULPIT BOOK CLUB

Brings you the Combined Benefits of the Year's Most Significant Religious Publication and this exceptional PULPIT BOOK CLUB Saving!



JOIN NOW and receive FREE

Dr. Latourette's Complete, Authoritative and Documentary Book

A HISTORY of CHRISTIANITY

IN COMPACT, ONE-VOLUME FORM . . . REGULARLY $9.50

SAVE $10.50
YOU PAY ONLY
$3.00
FOR A
$13.50
TOTAL BOOK VALUE

Never before has one volume conveyed such an all-inclusive unfolding of Christian history. "A considerable literary accomplishment . . . remarkably readable and simple . . . useful and manageable bibliography . . . copious maps . . . to do this type of comprehensive scholarly writing is quite a feat."—Edmund Fuller. "Places the Christian story in the context of world history and relates its two-thousand year development to cultural, social, economic and political forces . . . certainly a volume that will remain for many years a definitive work."—Nash K. Burger. "A feat of narration and historical compression that is a credit to American scholarship . . . its importance extends far beyond the merely theological."—John Barkham. "Dr. Latourette demonstrates at once his painstaking accuracy and proved scholarship . . . a monumental work . . . should be in every home that has a Bible."—Daniel A. Poling.

BEGIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE PRACTICAL AND POPULAR BOOK

Successful Fund Raising Sermons

Compiled by Julius King
Regular Price $4.00 — You pay only $3.00

A series of outstanding sermons on this important phase of a minister's work, by such men as Sockman, Buttrick, Scherer, Fosdick, Shoemaker and McCracken. "This is the best book of talking about money I have ever seen." —Robert E. Luccock.

HOW YOU BENEFIT AS A MEMBER OF THE PULPIT BOOK CLUB

...Savings, usually far greater than obtainable elsewhere, distinguish Club offers. Savings average 50% or better on most selections.

...Club members can keep their libraries up-to-date with newest significant books covering all phases of pastoral work and church life.

...Here is one book club that is free of obligations. You buy only the books you want when you want them.

...Our board of editorial experts gives careful consideration to authors whose writings are gaining top attention and acceptance in Protestant fields, as well as discovering talented new religious writers.

...Increasing growth of The Pulpit Book Club makes possible our ability to negotiate *in advance* with publishers planning the most important books of the year. Pulpit Book Club selections are always up-to-date.

PULPIT BOOK CLUB

GREAT NECK, NEW YORK

Please enroll me for membership in The Pulpit Book Club and send me by return mail my FREE copy of Latourette's HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY. Begin my membership with SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING SERMONS for which you will bill me $3.00. It is understood that I may cancel my membership at any time; that I am not obligated to purchase any minimum number of books; that I will be notified in advance of each month's Selection and need only notify the Club by the stipulated date if I do not want it; and that any Selection with which I am not fully satisfied may be returned within 10 days for full credit.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

CITY ..... ZONE ..... STATE .....

NO-103

Fill Many Posts In N. C. Staff

Rev. Paul Sturges, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., has been appointed the new director of educational evangelism, in the Council's Joint Department of Evangelism. His appointment is one of 15 approved by the General Board at its September meeting.

Dr. Sturges replaces Rev. Harry H. Kalas, who resigned to become associate executive secretary of the Council's Division of Christian Education, in place of Rev. Wilbur C. Parry. Dr. Parry is now an administrative secretary of the Council as a whole.

Dr. Sturges will be administrative head of the committee which guides the National Christian Teaching Missions, United Christian Youth Missions, and helps plan evangelism of children. He has successfully directed teaching missions in six cities in the past three years.

The General Board also approved four appointments to the Council's new Joint Department of Christian Vocation.

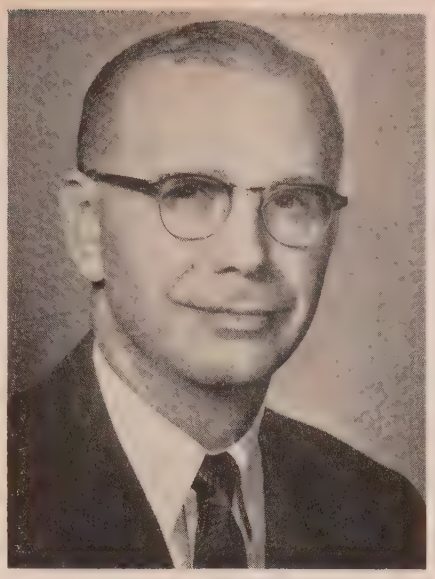
Three of these are executives of the Student Volunteer Movement, which came into the Council as its Missionary Services Department.

They are: Rev. Edward H. Johnson, a Canadian Presbyterian who has been general secretary of the S.V.M. since 1947, and is now executive director of Missionary Services: Rev. William Keys, administrative secretary of the new department, who was youth secretary of the World Council of Churches from 1945 to 1953; and Miss Nancy Lawrence, assistant secretary of Missionary Services, who was formerly a national staff member of the Girl Scouts of America.

Also in the new Joint Department of Christian Vocation, as executive director of the Department of the Ministry, is Rev. Elmer C. Million, a minister of the Southern Baptist Convention, who has been associate director of the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education in the Division of Christian Education.

In the Division's Commission on Christian Higher Education, the Board confirmed the appointment of Rev. Richard L. Heaton as executive director of the Interseminary Commitee. He replaces Rev. Arch M. Tolbert, who resigned to become assistant pastor of the St. Charles Ave. Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. Dr. Heaton for three years has been director of the Student Christian Association and instructor in religion at Vanderbilt University.

Two appointments were confirmed for associate executive directors of the Committee on the Use and Understanding of the Bible in the Division of Christian Education. Dr. Philip C. Landers is executive director of the Committee.



DR. PAUL L. STURGES

The two men are: *Rev. Earl N. Kragnes,* director of religious education, Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City, who was the chairman of the city's Bible observances in 1952; and *Rev. Charles Marion Ross,* a staff member of the United Christian Missionary Society, who gave nine months of field service to the nation-wide Bible observances in 1952.

Also in the field of religious education, *Dr. Rolfe Lanier Hunt* was appointed executive director of the Department of Religion and Public Education.

Dr. Hunt, a Methodist layman and a one-time school superintendent in Mississippi, comes to the Council from the U. S. Office of Education where he has been chief of the Publications Section.

The Board confirmed for a two-year period the appointment of *Mr. Loren Walters* as executive director of the 23rd international quadrennial convention of religious education, which will be held in the summer of 1955.

Also appointed for temporary service was *Miss Martha Roy,* a United Presbyterian missionary who has been serving as head of the Girls' School in Luxor, Egypt. Now on furlough, she will be acting for nine months as associate secretary of the Near East Committee in the Division of Foreign Missions.

Mr. Wendell Kellogg was appointed as associate director of public relations serving in the Midwest office. A Meth-

CATHEDRAL FILMS
PRODUCERS OF "I Beheld His Glory"
WINNER OF THREE 1st AWARDS.....
BOSTON, N.E.F.F. & CLEVELAND FILM FESTIVALS
Presents
the NEWEST.....
CHRISTMAS STORY
Holy Night
Now YOU can live those periods surrounding the birth of Christ. Live the experiences as did the people of Jerusalem. Realize the full impact of Isaiah's prophecy; see its fulfillment, the announcement to Mary, her visit to Elizabeth, the journey to Bethlehem, the shepherds in the fields, and finally join the shepherds at the manger scene.
Running Time . . . . . 30 MIN.
Color . . REG. $15.00,... DEC.... $22.50
Blk & White REG. $9.00,... DEC.... $15.00
RESERVE NOW at your Film Library
Cathedral Films
140 N. Hollywood Way,
Burbank, Calif.

CHRISTIANITY AND EXISTENTIALISM

By

J. M. SPIER

Translated by David H. Freeman

Formerly available only in Dutch, CHRISTIANITY AND EXISTENTIALISM is a critical introduction to and a scholarly analysis of modern Existentialism which meets a long felt need not only for the general layman and pastor but also for the class room and professional philosopher.

CONTENTS

A. What the Philosophy of Existentialism Teaches.
1. Background of Existentialism—Philosophic, Kierkegaard, Nietsche, and Non-Philosophic.
2. Existentialism Proper—Jaspers and Heidegger.
3. Existentialism in France—Marcel, Lavelle, and Sartre.
4. The Theistic Existentialism of Loen.

B. Existentialism in the Light of Christianity.
1. The Character of Existentialism.
2. The Moments of Truth in Existentialist Philosophy.
3. The Reasons for the Rejection of Existentialist Philosophy.

Price $3.00

PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED PUBLISHING COMPANY
Locust and Sixth Streets, Philadelphia 6, Pa.

Just Published!

VOLUME 2

Leviticus • Numbers • Deuteronomy
Joshua • Judges • Ruth • Samuel

THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE

12 VOLUMES

The only commentary using the complete texts of *both* the Revised Standard and King James Versions of the Holy Bible.

Volume 2—1,192 PAGES
6⅞x10 INCHES • $8.75

Previously Published

Volume 1—General and Old Testament Articles; Genesis, Exodus
Volume 7—New Testament Articles; Matthew, Mark
Volume 8—Luke, John
Volume 10—Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians

Each 6⅞ x 10 Inches, $8.75

If you do not have the complete prospectus of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE, the coupon below will bring you one without charge.

MAIL TO YOUR BOOKSELLER

Please send me the prospectus of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press:
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zone ____
State _____

ABINGDON-COKESBURY PRESS

Fill Many Posts

(*Continued from page* 25)

odist layman, Mr. Kellogg has been assistant for the past year to the president of Hofstra College, earlier held public relations posts at the University of Bridgeport, Mississippi State College and Fort Hays, Kansas, State College.

In the Division of Home Missions, *Rev. E. Russell Carter* was appointed field representative for Indian work. A minister of the Society of Friends, Five Years Meeting, Mr. Carter since 1937 has been religious education director at Haskell Institute, an Indian school.

In the Broadcasting and Film Commission, *Mr. George Heimrich* will fill a new post as director of radio and television in the West Coast office. A layman of the Augustana Lutheran Church, Mr. Heimrich has done professional work in radio and television.

In the General Department of United Church Women, *Miss Elsie Harper* has become director of Christian World Relations, and the church women's official observer at the United Nations. She replaces Miss Luella Reckmeyer, who is currently doing research at the U. N.

A member of The Methodist Church, Miss Harper is a native of Gloucestershire, England, and a graduate of the London School of Economics.

The NEW Abingdon-Cokesbury $7,500 Award Winner

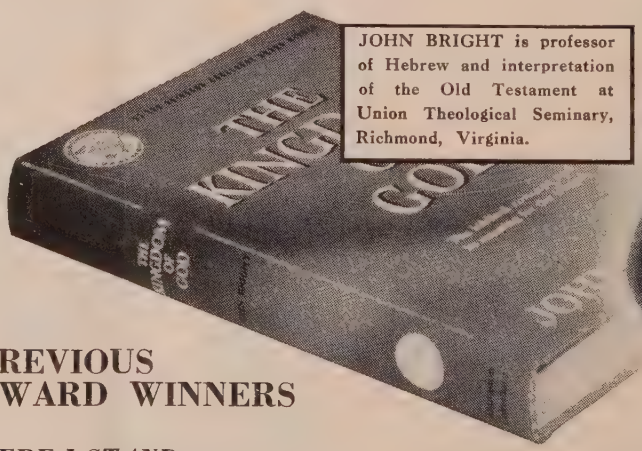
THE KINGDOM of GOD

by JOHN BRIGHT

In this discerning book the Kingdom of God manifests itself as the unifying theme of the Bible—the essential continuity of the Scriptures—and the motivating force of the living church. Dr. Bright explores the biblical meaning of the Kingdom of God—its history, usage, and various interpretations—and against this background relates its message to the contemporary world and church.

Here every thoughtful reader—preacher, teacher, student, layman—will realize afresh the significance and unity of the whole Bible. He will receive again a summons to citizenship in the Kingdom and learn its meaning for the modern world and the present-day church.

PUBLISHED OCTOBER 5 **$3.75**



JOHN BRIGHT is professor of Hebrew and interpretation of the Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

HERE I STAND
A Life of Martin Luther

Roland H. Bainton. An authoritative, dramatic biography of the man who restored the vitality of Christendom, paved the way for religious liberty, and exalted the tasks of the common man. Richly illustrated. **$4.75**

PRAYER AND THE COMMON LIFE

Georgia Harkness. The foundations, methods, and fruits of prayer. A rich and rewarding book for everyone who wants to believe in prayer, find power from God for daily living, and help fashion a better world. **$2.50**

at your bookstore

ABINGDON-COKESBURY

BOOKS

Right and Wrong Ways to Use the Bible

By J. Carter Swaim, Westminster Press, Philadelphia, $2.50.

The controversy over the Revised Standard Version of the Bible emphasizes the need for a better understanding of the nature of the Bible and its valid use. This lends special timeliness to the brilliant treatment of this subject by the professor of the New Testament in the Western Theological Seminary.

The greatest value of the book is in the hundreds of new sidelights on passages of Scripture that are afforded by Professor Swaim's capacity both to get at precise meanings and also to make familiar verses take on a sudden freshness.

The importance of accurate and discriminating translation of the original languages is illustrated by pointing out that the Reformation began when Luther discovered that the Greek New Testament does not say "Do penance" but "Repent."

Another principle urged upon us is that we must read passages of Scripture in their context. Wrenched from its setting, a verse from the Bible can "prove" almost anything.

A wrong way to use Scripture is to look in it for confirmation of what you yourself believe. The right way is to approach it in an intense desire to hear what God will say to you through it. The contrast is sharply put by referring to the man who "never read Scripture as if he had written it but always as if listening for a Voice."

Running through the whole treatment is the contrast between a literal and a "vital" use of the Bible. Professor Swaim does not hesitate to say that many people have an idolatrous view of the Bible—or even of the King James Version. They put the Scriptures in the central place that ought always to belong to Christ.

Another wrong way to use the Bible, according to the Pittsburgh scholar, is to treat it as if it were all on the same spiritual level. The right way is to judge everything in it by "what Jesus was and did." He, Professor Swaim makes abundantly clear, is the key to the meaning of the whole.

— Samuel McCrea Cavert

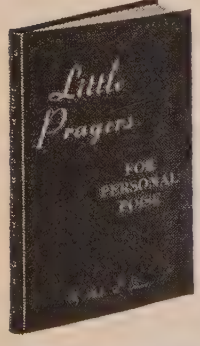
(*Continued on page* 28)

A new book by the head of United Church Women

CHURCH WOMEN in the SCHEME OF THINGS

By Mossie Allman Wyker

From one of today's most potent women speakers and capable administrators comes this dynamic new book of hope for all that church women may yet become. Mrs. Wyker writes to *stir the church*, and particularly its women members; she shows how church women are *essential* "in the scheme of things." An enlightening discussion on how women can learn techniques for achieving without being militant . . . how they can get from the New Testament the right perspective about themselves . . . how the church is losing many women capable of serving at policy-making levels, because it has not seen the need for women being a part of the total life of the church . . . the church woman and ordination . . . the world areas in which United Church Women are helping . . . working with women of other faiths . . . etc. $2.00



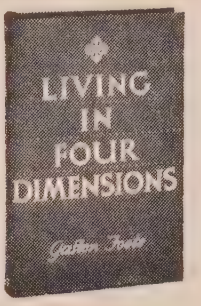
Little Prayers for Personal Poise

By Helen L. Toner

Here are 64 brief, meditative prayers in simple and direct language . . . *on seeking new attitudes, for grace at the table, and for use on special occasions.* There are prayers for a business man . . . for a housewife . . . for a sense of humor . . . for one who makes excuses . . . for parents confessing weakness . . . for one who is angry . . . for one who has failed . . . etc. $1.25

THE BETHANY PRESS, St. Louis 3, Mo.

the Christian's way to successful living . . .

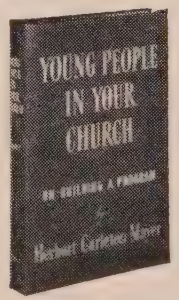


LIVING IN FOUR DIMENSIONS

by

Gaston Foote

Here is the practical, common-sense Christian approach to solving the emotional problems that confront us all—"The Way to Win Over Worry," "How to Tackle Your Troubles," "How to Deal with Doubts," "How to Make the Most of Life." Each page of this up-to-date, down-to-earth book will inspire the reader, under God, to become a better person—to realize the more abundant "four dimensional" life. *$2.00*



YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR CHURCH

On Building a Program

by Herbert Carleton Mayer

For the minister, the religious education director, Sunday School superintendent, classroom teacher or novice, this book provides a challenging, all-embracing program for the effective training and education of young people. The whole is designed to fit the needs of any church of any Protestant denomination. As an outstanding pioneer in youth work, Mr. Mayer here appeals to all who have the Christian nurture of young people at heart. *$2.50*

At your local bookstore

Fleming H. Revell Company
Westwood, N. J.

Oxford

The Story of Jesus

By THEODORE PARKER FERRIS
Rector of Trinity Church, Boston

"A treatment of the main points in the story of Jesus by a competent Biblical scholar who talks simply and directly as a friend to a group of friends. He is surprisingly candid, handling controversial topics frankly...Teachers and ministers will find Dr. Ferris' book a rich mine, and intelligent Christians who wish to know what a thoughtful leader believes will delight in his constructive interpretations of the main events in the story of our Lord."
—HENRY SLOANE COFFIN
$2.30

THE Optional God

By STEPHEN F. BAYNE
Bishop of Olympia

Time recently described Bishop Bayne as a man who "has made theology almost as warm and immediate as politics and baseball," because he writes and speaks of religion so that everyone can understand. Now he defines the dangers of modern secularism, which does not deny God but looks upon belief in Him as optional. He discusses "optionalism" in four areas of life, and concludes with a positive statement of the unity of creation. Vigorous and outspoken, his book is a thoughtful challenge to the forces of secularism. $2.45

At your bookstore
OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
Publishers of Fine Books for over Four Centuries
114 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 11, N. Y.

(*Continued from page 27*)

Be Still and Know

By GEORGIA HARKNESS, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, $1.25.

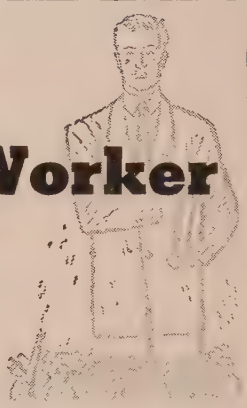
The core of this book is the Biblical admonition, "Be still, and know that I am God." There are 86 page-length devotions, each composed of a Biblical quotation, followed by a poem and a prayer, both written by Miss Harkness.

Be Still and Know is not so much a book to be read through in one or two sittings as to be kept on hand and read one devotion at a time. Each one contains a great deal of food for thought.

These meditations reflect the author's deep religious faith and spiritual insight, and are inspiring and reassuring, not only in times of stress, but in everyday living. They will help the reader in his search for, as one of the prayers puts it, "wisdom to act and faith to wait."

Georgia Harkness since 1950 has been professor of applied theology at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif. Prior to that time she held the same position at Garrett Biblical Institute. During her career as teacher, theologian, speaker, and poet, she has written several other books, including *The Modern Rival of Christian Faith, The Gospel and Our*

books for the Christian Worker



For you who work in areas of Christian service, these important new books offer fresh resources . . . practical methods . . . new inspiration for vital tasks.

Devotions

MOMENTS OF WORSHIP. *By Mary Beth Fulton.* Rich resources for conducting memorable worship services on all occasions. Twenty programs specially planned for women, complete with Scripture, prayers, poems, meditation, music suggestions. **$2.00**

Putting Faith to Work

WRITING FOR CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS. *By Edith Tiller Osteyee.* Practical, down-to-earth advice and help on gathering material; planning features, articles, fiction; preparing copy; selling completed work. With practice assignments to develop your skill in this richly rewarding field. A practical working tool for all who want to serve Christianity through the written word. **$3.00**

RHAPSODY IN BLACK. *By Richard E. Day.* The moving life-story of a true man of God—John Jasper, the obscure slave who became one of Virginia's best-loved and most colorful preachers. **$2.50***

Faith and Doctrine

THE PRICE AND THE PRIZE. *By Culbert G. Rutenber.* Here, simply and clearly stated, is the meaning of our Christian faith—guidance for young people, help for every growing Christian. **$1.50***

Missions

TABLE TALK AND TIDBITS. *Compiled by Dorothy A. Stevens.* Over 100 recipes, 70 stories from around the world—"conversation pieces" for Christian fellowship, reading for personal achievement. **$2.50**

Preaching and Teaching

WHERE JESUS WALKED. *By Sandford Fleming.* Accurate information about the Holy Land, with a searching interpretation of Christ's ministry. **$2.50**

TENTS TOWARD THE SUNRISE. *By Charles W. Koller.* Brief talks to young ministers on many matters—each containing one rich seed of practical Christianity. **$2.00***

** Probable Price for Titles Ready Late October*

AT YOUR BOOKSTORE
THE JUDSON PRESS
1703 Chestnut St. Philadelphia 3, Pa.

World, and *Prayer and the Common Life* (co-winner, 1948 Abingdon-Cokesbury Award).

—Mary E. Hillman

A Doctor's Soliloquy

By Joseph Hayyim Krimsky. Philosophical Library, New York.

This small volume (116 pp.) is of value for its expression of a profound sense of the unity and integrity of the universe which has grown out of the day by day experiences of a practicing physician, resulting in a profound reverence for life.

Dr. Krimsky's observations on the "wisdom of nature" are stimulating and suggestive but his philosophy and theology are syncretistic and confusing.

Dr. Joseph Hayyim Krimsky is a graduate of New York University and Bellevue Medical College. In combination with nearly half a century of the practice of medicine and his recent supervision of the clinic for the Veterans Administration in Huntington, West Virginia, he has found time for a prolonged study of the Scriptures and the sacred literature of other religions.

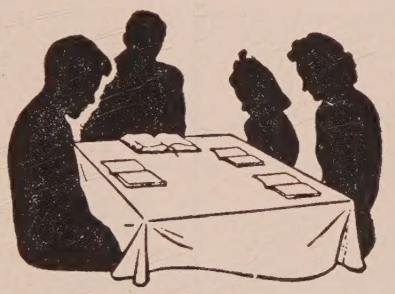
—Paul L. Tilden

To Win These Rights

By Lucy Randolph Mason, Harper & Brothers, $3.00.

In the 1953 Labor Sunday Message there is this sentence, "Leadership in the labor movement should be increasingly appreciated by the people of our churches as an important Christian vocation." The volume by Miss Mason is in many ways the story of one to whom work in the labor movement has throughout been felt as an expression of the Christian life. An added interest lies in the fact that the writer is a woman, for there is little material that deals with the place and contribution of women in the American labor movement.

(*Continued on page* 30)



FAITH IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

In your home a family altar can be the basis for a life-time faith for you and your children. For faith *is* a family affair.

The Upper Room encourages family worship by providing a fresh, timely series of daily devotions for family or for individual use. Even loved ones far apart are able to share the same prayers, the same Bible readings, the same meditations.

The November-December number (containing special Christmas devotions) is ready for distribution. Mail your order today. Single copy 10 cents. Ten or more copies to one address 5c per copy. Individual yearly subscriptions 50 cents, two years $1.00. Special *pocket edition* for youth and for men and women in the service, same price. Order from

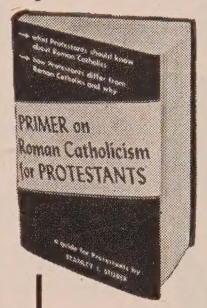
The Upper Room

The world's most widely used devotional guide

1908 GRAND AVENUE NASHVILLE, TENN.

LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Get the facts about Roman Catholic dogmas and practices from Dr. Stanley I. Stuber's top-selling **PRIMER ON ROMAN CATHOLICISM FOR PROTESTANTS.** Dr. Stuber documents Roman Catholic beliefs point by point, and shows *how* and *why* Protestants agree or disagree. **PRIMER** has been universally hailed as a must for Protestant readers:



CLAUD NELSON, *National Council Outlook:* "A well-documented review. Stanley Stuber has contributed notably to clearing away the fog."

CHAD WALSH, *Chicago Sunday Tribune:* "Valuable book. Lucidly presents the teachings of Romanism to Protestants."

ROBBINS W. BARSTOW, *Advance:* "Ought to take its place among other basic books in the minister's library. Should also be welcomed by lay men and women who want the truth about the major division within Christendom."

CLARENCE SEIDENSPINNER, *Christian Advocate:* "An excellent handbook for every intelligent Protestant Christian."

WINFRED ERNEST GARRISON, *Christian Century:* "Of immense value to anyone who wants to get the facts, without arguments, without heat or prejudice—just the solid facts, clearly and amply and accurately documented."

ROBERT F. DRINAN, S.J., *America:* "Objective and irenic manual for the information of (Dr. Stuber's) Protestant co-believers. A notable effort to effect a great understanding between all Christians. Its sections on Catholic convictions are balanced and commendable."

Included among "The Outstanding Religious Books—1952-53" by the Book Selection Committee, Religious Books Round Table, American Library Association.

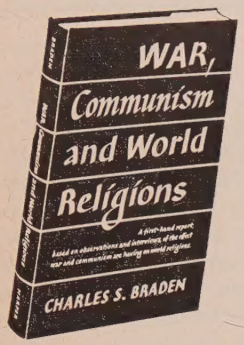
$2.50 at your bookstore

Association Press

291 Broadway
New York 7, N. Y.

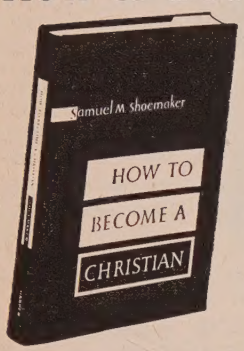
New and Important Books from HARPER

War, Communism and World Religions



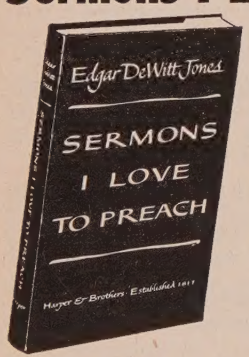
By **CHARLES S. BRADEN.** A fresh, factual account of world religions today and the dangers they face in 15 countries of the Near and Far East. From his personal observations, and from interviews with spiritual and temporal leaders Dr. Braden draws important and meaningful conclusions on the present moral, spiritual and physical state of dominant world religions in a storm center of ideological conflict. $3.50

How to Become a Christian



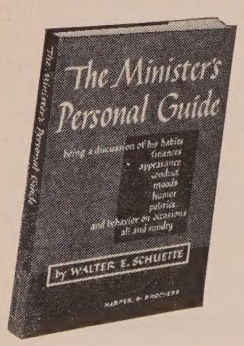
By **SAMUEL M. SHOEMAKER.** "A book which should prove helpful to every seeker of the meaning and way of the Christian life. It will prove no less helpful for those already members of the church. It is written in a clear and helpful style which will appeal to laymen. It once again proves that Dr. Shoemaker can write helpfully for every church in the Protestant communion." —G. ERNEST THOMAS $2.00

Sermons I Love to Preach



By **EDGAR DeWITT JONES.** Fifteen outstanding sermons, plus a delightful introductory essay which explains how a master craftsman prepares his addresses. "The most interesting volume of sermons I have read in many years. I can well understand why Edgar DeWitt Jones loved to preach these sermons, because I love to read them."—RALPH W. SOCKMAN $2.50

The Minister's Personal Guide



By **WALTER S. SCHUETTE.** A discussion of ministerial habits, finances, appearance, conduct, moods, humor, politics and behavior on occasions all and sundry "by one who has traveled the path of years in the ministry and has found lasting joy in it. It covers the whole range of a minister's personal life and relations . . . A great package, pressed down and running over, of wise and practical counseling."—HALFORD E. LUCCOCK $2.95

At your bookseller

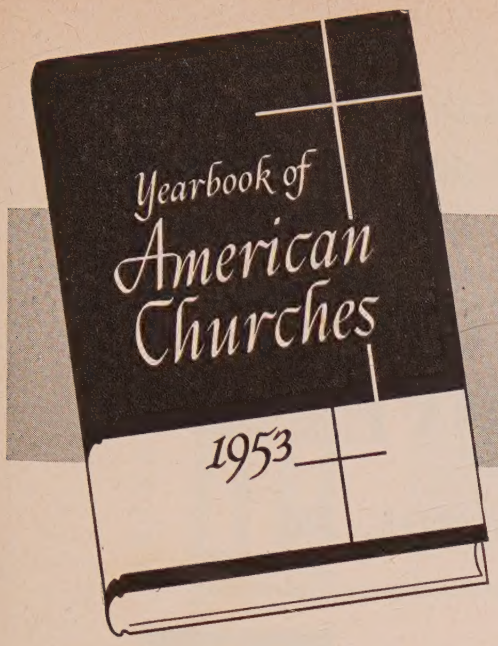
HARPER & BROTHERS • NEW YORK 16 • N. Y.

BOOKS

(*Continued from page 29*)

The father of Miss Mason was a clergyman as was also her maternal grandfather. She has stayed close to the church throughout her career and has been a delegate from the Protestant Episcopal Church to five of the National Study Conferences convened by the Federal Council of Churches. Miss Mason's professional life began with the Richmond Young Women's Christian Association, on whose staff she served for thirteen years, first as industrial secretary, and later as general secretary. In 1932 she became General Secretary of the National Consumers' League. In 1937 she was asked "to work in the field of public relations and publicity for the C.I.O. in the South."

The volume is sub-titled "A Personal Story of the C.I.O. in the South." Miss Mason is a Southerner, born and bred. Chief Justice Marshall is in her family lineage, as are also three signers of the Declaration of Independence and the author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights. She became a part of the C.I.O. by adoption and her activity on its behalf has been centered in the South. The story of its organization in her home state, Virginia, and other southern states, and its program and struggle on behalf of civil liberties and interracial brotherhood are told with the warmth and vividness of one who has herself been directly related to what she has to tell. Those who know Miss Mason would expect that she would have much to tell about the different individuals whom she has worked with or at times has had to oppose. This small book is rich in its portrayal of a gracious Christian woman at work within a movement that has sought and struggled for broad social gains in the American scene. —CAMERON P. HALL



"Increasingly a *must* in Church offices"

Yearbook of American Churches, 1953

edited by Benson Y. Landis, 22nd edition . . . An accurate directory of American religion compiled for people of all faiths.

Since 1916 the YEARBOOK OF AMERICAN CHURCHES has provided source-acquired current facts about every man's religion—Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, Eastern-Orthodox and others.

For "American Religion at a Glance" get the Yearbook of American Churches, 1953

It is unique. "The *Yearbook of American Churches* is the sole source of statistics for all religious bodies in the U. S."—Philadelphia *Evening Bulletn.*

It is valuable. "We find the *Yearbook* very informative and helpful in making up the section on religion in our annual edition, *The Information Please Almanac.*"—John Kieran, editor. "The *Yearbook* is an important volume. Most churches would do well to have it."—Presbyterian *Outlook.*

It is well edited. "The material is superbly organized and presented."—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Christ Church, New York, N. Y.

The *Yearbook* has a following. The 1952 edition received remarkable editorial comment by the press, secular and religious, from coast to coast.

318 pp., clothbound, $4 a copy.

***Buy it from your bookstore or use the coupon below* (1).**

Have You Prepared for These Projects?

2. **World Order Sunday Message (Oct. 25).** The price is *responsibility*, moral responsibility, according to this year's realistic message just issued by the National Council. Should be used by all churches, educational and civic groups. 4 pp., $2.50 for 100.

   Harvest Festival (Oct.-Nov.). An order of service for the season, attractively produced.

3. **4 pp. edition.**

3a. **Edition with back cover blank.** Either edition, $2.60 for 100.

   Reformation Sunday (Nov. 1). An order of service commemorating our Protestant heritage.

4. **4 pp. regular edition,** $3 for 100.

4a. **Cover only printed,** 3 pp. blank, $2.25 for 100.

Resource Material:

5. **How the Protestants Fight Communism.** Reprint of article by G. Bromley Oxnam from *Look* magazine. 3¢ a copy.

6. **What Protestants Believe,** by Hugh Thompson Kerr. A discussion of Protestant beliefs and summary of Protestant history. 12 pp. 3¢.

7. **When You Come Over,** by John W. Brush. A 26 pp. primer for the new Protestant explaining differences between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. 15¢.

8. **Our Protestant Heritage,** by Samuel McCrea Cavert. Evaluates our Protestant heritage and states our Protestant beliefs. 16 pp. 10¢.

9. **World Community Day (Nov. 6).** A Christian project for the relief of displaced and suffering people. Program packets 35¢ each—or write for information. Orders received through Oct. 23. Sponsored by the United Church Women.

   United Church Canvass—Stewardship Sunday (Nov. 8). A successful plan for expanding church support. For know-how and aid in successful effort order the prepared material.

10. **Informatory Packet** (contains a five-piece set) 15¢.

11. **Letterhead** ($2 for 100).

12. **Mailing Envelope** ($2 for 100).

13. **Appeal Folder** (11" x 17") with 4 pages printed or inner pages blank for local use ($5 for 100).

14. **Attendance Reminder Card** ($2 for 100).

15. **Sunday Bulletin** (8½" x 11" flat), $2 for 100.

16. **Lithographed 4-color Poster** (17" x 22"), 25¢.

Order from your bookstore, your state, city or county Council of Churches, or use the coupon below.

Dept. of Publication, National Council of Churches
120 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

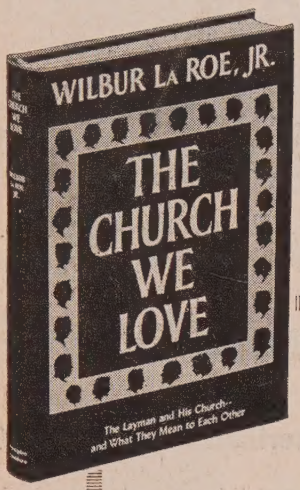
Please send the items checked below in quantity indicated:

1_____; 4_____; 7_____; 11_____; 15_____;
2_____; 4a_____; 8_____; 12_____; 16_____;
3_____; 5_____; 9_____; 13_____;
3a_____; 6_____; 10_____; 14_____;
_____Please put me on your mailing list.

Name_____
Address_____
City_____ Zone_____ State_____
Remittance enclosed $_____ Bill me, please ☐

4th class postage paid on prepaid orders. Please add 10¢ handling charge if order is less than $2. 0—10-53

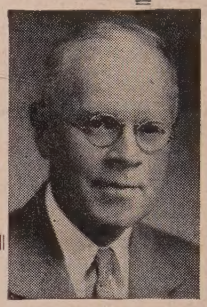
Why do we love the church? What are the church's needs? How can we meet these needs? What can the church do for laymen? What can laymen do for the church?



THE CHURCH WE LOVE

by WILBUR La ROE, JR.

This new book—published October 12—will be of particular help and inspiration during National Layman's Week, October 11-18. Lay leaders will especially appreciate it for their own reading and for use in preparing Layman's Day talks.



Writing "to stimulate a new interest in and love for the church," a wise and consecrated Christian layman here speaks for and to lay men and women everywhere—to the rank and file of church members who, with their ministers, *are* the temporal church.

Mr. La Roe brings to lay readers a clearer understanding of their place in the church, the benefits which they derive from it, and their responsibility to it. His love for the church shines from every page; he finds that applied Christianity "makes happy homes, gives children a right attitude toward life, brings peace of mind, gives purpose and perspective toward life, encourages peace instead of war, and makes for righteousness in a community."

The author's love for the church does not blind him to the church's faults and weaknesses—defects which he feels can often be remedied by aroused and active lay men and women. His inspiring counsel urges lay people to love Christ not only in church but "in the market place, in the athletic contest, and in the midst of the daily temptations and pressures of life."

While addressed primarily to laymen, THE CHURCH WE LOVE will also be of great value to ministers. It will help both laymen and ministers to work together harmoniously and effectively in building a more vital church and a better world.

The Chapters

In Earthen Vessels—Our Ministers—The Christian Layman—The Miracle of Life—The Abundant Life—Aiming at the Stars—Our Precious Heritage—Sacrificing for Love—When Trouble Comes—Missions—Prayer—Our Homes and Our Youth—Christian Friendship—The Church Music—Our Lord and Master

What they say about THE CHURCH WE LOVE

"In addition to . . . a spiritual glow . . . a sound knowledge of the church as it carries on its work in the world today."—*Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert.*

"I have seldom if ever been so deeply moved as by the reading of this truly great book."—*Judge Harold R. Medina.*

"Readable, practical, and inspiring. La Roe has vividly presented true, everyday living religion."—*Senator John C. Stennis.*

"Effective and well-written."—*Judge Luther W. Youngdahl.*

The Author

WILBUR La ROE, Jr., widely known Presbyterian layman, is a Washington, D. C., lawyer and former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

$1.25 at your bookstore

ABINGDON-COKESBURY PRESS

PUBLISHERS of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE